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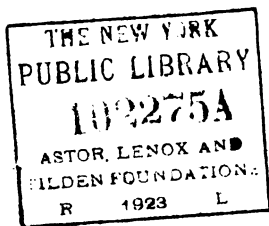
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Prayer.

PRAYER is a raising up of the heart to God in which we exercise we lay our necessities before him, to beg his grace and every other good gift; it is an act of religion, whereby we acknowledge the supreme power and dominion of God, together with our own weakness and total dependence upon him. That the duty of prayer is indispensable, follows evidently from the consideration of his sovereign power on the one hand, and of our own weakness on the other.

With God all things are possible. His power is infinite; the heavens were formed by the word of his might—the firmament on high is his work, with all its glorious show! He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength! He removeth the mountains—he shaketh the earth out of its place, and the pillars thereof tremble! He commandeth the sun, and shutteth up the stars as under a seal! He spreadeth out the heavens: he walketh upon the waves of the sea! The noise of his thunder shall strike the earth: he shall destroy and swallow up at once! He shall lay waste the mountains and the hills, and shall make the grass to wither! Yet at his word the wind is still; and with his thought he appeaseth the deep! The whole world in his sight is as a grain in a balance, or as a drop of the morning dew that falleth upon the earth! He hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand: he hath weighed the heavens with his palm! The nations are before him as if they had no being: they are counted to him as vanity and nothing! Who, then, can stand before the face of his wrath? Who shall resist the fierceness of his anger? His indignation is poured out as fire: the rocks are melted by him! Thou art mighty, O Lord: thy truth is round about thee! Thine are the heavens, and thine is the earth! The world and the fulness thereof thou hast founded: great and wonderful are thy works, O King of Ages! Who shall not fear thee, and magnify thy name?

For our part, we are weak in every respect. As to our present being, an unmeasurable eternity preceded it, which shall as unmeasurably extend after this being shall terminate. Now in this immense duration, ages shall not be discerned much less the years of a man: how insignificant, then, are we in the extent of our life? We are composed of a body and soul; but the very sense we have of our existence, involves a conviction of our weakness, inferiority and total dependence. How our body was formed, is a profound secret to us: how it is united to the soul; what the nature of that union is, hath not less in it of mystery. Our breathing itself, that essential operation of human life, is regulated rather for us, than by any inherent power of ours; for the lungs take in air and discharge it alternately, without our interposition; and independently of our mandate or control. If we are conscious of the power of motion, we must also feel that this power frequently exerts itself in direct opposition to our will; nay, that in these very movements which our will can command, the principle of motion is hidden from us; that the will which commands them is, at best, no more than the rebellious, blind, unruly servant of reason; and that reason also, the most exalted faculty of our nature, is in its turn too often impeded by the indisposition of its sluggish companion, the body. But even where the energies of reason are strongest, the widest extent of its sphere is most humiliating by its very narrow limits; there being infinitely more objects beyond its comprehension, than are within its reach; and the far greater part of these which it is competent to, being either quite unknown to it, or very inadequately comprehended.

As to the texture of our body, a prodigious number of its organs are so exceedingly delicate, so easily discomposed and yet so essential to our life, that it is a matter of astonishment how we subsist at all. We carry the seeds of decline within ourselves, and we tend so unceasingly to our dissolution, that independently of disease, and the great variety of exterior accidents so fatal to us, the bare privation of food will effectually ruin the very strongest frame, though the supply be withheld but for a few days. If we compare our bulk to the magnitude of the globe, we dwindle almost to an atom; if we extend the comparison to the sun, so many thousand times larger than our earth, we diminish

proportionably; but if we wing imagination beyond the planetary system, through the boundless expanse of the firmament, we are absolutely lost—our volume sinks into nothing.

But how weak soever we be in the order of nature, we are, beyond all comparison, weaker in the order of grace that is, with regard to the great end of our being—the eternal enjoyment of God in the next life, as the reward of our fidelity to him in this. It is what the Scripture strongly inculcates:—*We have nothing that we did not receive: we are not sufficient to think any thing of ourselves, as of our selves, but our sufficiency is from God.*—2 Cor., iii. *Every best gift, and every perfect gift, is from above; coming down from the Father of lights.*—James, i. 17. *It is God who worketh in us both to will and to accomplish.*—Phil., ii. *Without me, says Christ, you can do nothing.*—John, xv. *Neither he that planteth is any thing, nor he that watereth, but he that giveth the increase.*—1 Cor. Which, with a great number of other passages of the same import, fully evince that the only rational ground of our confidence is in the all-powerful help of God; which, therefore, with all humility and earnestness, we are bound to implore: particularly as it is further manifested by his sacred word, that being surrounded by the most formidable enemies, we are unequal to a contest with them, much less to a victory; and that divine grace is manifestly annexed to our fervor in begging for it, though in no respect due to us, but a free, invaluable gift of God's most tender munificence. *Ask, and you shall receive; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth, &c. If you ask the Father any thing in my name, he will give it to you: you have not, because you ask not. We ought always to pray, and not to faint.* And as Christ assures us, that we know not the day nor the hour; we are cautioned by him to be watchful, praying at all times. The inspired writers enforce the same lesson: St. Paul will have us lift up pure hands at all times; he desires that we pray without ceasing; which he declares to be the will of God. St. Peter, St. James, St. John, speak to the same purpose. David exhorts us to call in the day of our trouble upon God, who will deliver us. Job inculcates this duty. Tobias desires his son to bless God at all times, and beg of God to direct him.

But this duty is not only recommended by their advice, it is still strikingly urged by their practice. Christ was most assiduous in it, though we are fully convinced he needed not prayer for himself. He frequently retired in the intervals of his labor, to pass whole hours, sometimes whole nights in prayer; convincing us, by his own example, how necessary prayer is; and exciting our fervor to the frequent use of it. His most illustrious servants, both before and since the gospel, had this recourse to him on all occasions but particularly in difficulties and trials. We see that the apostles gave themselves up continually to prayer; that when they were preparing for the descent of the Holy Ghost, they remained with one accord in it. When they were about to elect St. Matthias, or to choose the seven deacons, or to send St. Paul and Barnabas to preach, or to undertake any thing of consequence, they earnestly besought the Almighty to enlighten them, and to interpose in their behalf: so sensible were they of their own weakness, and of the consequent necessity of this important exercise. Now surely no one can think that we ourselves are in less need of it, or that the obstacles to our salvation are fewer, or our spiritual enemies less formidable than theirs. Let us, then, hesitate no longer; our all is at stake; without prayer it is impossible to be saved; nor if we pray as we should do, is it possible to be lost—God's own promise is our security. Let not only morning and evening have their stated devotions, but let our thoughts, words, and actions be constantly directed to God; in general, by their moral rectitude, as in particular, by devout aspirations, and a constant attention to his presence. To derive all the advantage from prayer which God has annexed to it, it should be performed in the state of grace. This condition is strongly laid down both in the Old and New Testament; for the prayer of those who wilfully persist in mortal sin, is odious to him—he turns away from it—it is an abomination in his sight. If our conscience upbraid us with the guilt of mortal sin, prayer, however, is still necessary for us: it is indeed our only resource. But in praying for the grace of our conversion, and imploring the mercy of God, we must forsake our evil ways, and accompany our petition with the most serious efforts at amendment. Let us pray with attention, with earnestness, with perseverance: for God likes to be importuned, and

will certainly grant to the assiduous petitioner what he will as certainly refuse to those who ask remissly. Let us, in our prayers, seek first the kingdom of God and his justice: we may also solicit him for temporal favors, provided he shall see that what we are soliciting be conducive to our salvation.

Finally, let our prayer be humble, that is, void of all presumption upon our own merits, and grounded solely, with unshaken confidence, upon the merits of Christ: thus shall we infallibly obtain all that is truly desirable. To pray with the greater advantage, it is of the utmost importance to reflect seriously every day upon some great truth of the Christian religion, and upon the actual state of our own souls, with regard to the faults we are most inclined to, or the virtues whereof we are most in need. Without such reflection, and review of interior, joined with an earnest recourse to the Fountain of all sanctity, to the Giver of every good gift, if it is not morally impossible to succeed in the business of salvation, it is at least extremely difficult to effect that great object. It is, therefore, a delusion of the most dangerous kind, to persuade ourselves that mental prayer is a work of mere supererogation, requisite for those only whose particular state of life engages them in the practice of religious perfection; for to be saved is every man's concern; it is that one thing necessary, the loss of which no possible advantage can compensate; and whose attainment by the most strenuous exertions, must be deemed still very cheaply purchased. We are deeply interested in forming to ourselves a just notion of this concern, and in preferring it, in our estimation, to every other that may come in competition with it; yet without frequent and serious consideration, such practical preponderance in our esteem is not to be expected. As well may toilsome perseverance in the pursuit of glory or gain, be looked for in the apathy of the idiot, as the animated practice of the gospel, among those who do not weigh its incentives. Meditation is not such a task as indolence is apt to insinuate. The same sort of attention which the trader gives to his commerce, the mechanic to the rules of his art, or the scholar to his improvement, will be amply sufficient for meditation; and the most simple manner of meditation is, perhaps, the very best. The subject may be any pious

truth; but the law of God, of which the ten commandments are the practical abridgment, will be found the most useful. Let us, then, every day reflect upon this holy law; let us apply it to our conduct, and always with a renewed intention of becoming better; humbly deploring our past transgressions, and exciting ourselves to greater fidelity for the time to come. The incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, his passion, the four last things, the enormity of mortal sin, are abundant sources of reflection: numberless pious books detail all these truths, and many other most affecting points of religion; which, while they facilitate the practice of mental prayer, must render the omission of it the more inexcusable. May God, of his infinite mercy, pour down his Spirit upon us; may he teach us how to pray; for so shall we serve him faithfully, persevere to the end, and be united to himself forever.

The Roman Calendar.

THE Calendar is a Table containing the Feasts which are kept during the year. They are of two sorts: some are affixed to certain days, and are called *immovable*; others have no fixed days, and are called *movable*. The *immovable feasts* have been carefully distinguished in the Calendar. Those which are of obligation, are printed in large capitals. Those of peculiar devotion in smaller ones; the others in ordinary type. Those which are not found in the Roman office are in italic letters.

Most of the *movable feasts* depend upon the feast of Easter which is regulated by the full moon of the vernal equinox. A compendious table of these feasts is here affixed. The first Council of Nice, held in the year 325, decreed that the feast of Easter should be celebrated on the Sunday following the full moon, which falls either on the 21st of March (which was looked upon, at that time, as the day of the equinox), or on the days following, till the 18th of April. Hence, if the full moon fall on the 21st of March, and this be a Saturday, the next day will be Easter-Sunday. But if it fall on the 20th, this moon will not be considered the paschal moon: the next full moon only, which will be on the 18th of April, can be reckoned such. Should this 18th of April be a Sunday, Easter would be the Sunday following, or the 25th of April. Easter, then, can be no later than the 25th of April, nor earlier than the 22d of March.

The *Dominical Letters* are used to indicate the Sundays throughout the year. They are seven in number, corresponding to the seven days of the week, and are changed annually. In leap-year two are set down. The first indicates the Sundays till the 25th of February—the other during the remaining part of the year.

The *Golden Number* is contained in a cycle of 19 years. In this cycle the new moons return, in a regular succession, to the same days in which they were in the preceding cycle. Hence the different numbers of the Epact, which is used to

designate the new moon, and to determine the feast of Easter, always correspond with the same golden numbers in every cycle.

The *Indiction* is a revolution of fifteen years, from 1 to 15, which being completed, the cycle again returns to 1, and each year of this cycle dates its commencement from January, in the Pontifical Bulls; and since the Indiction is of frequent use in diplomatic transactions and public records, a table of the years of the Indiction, corresponding to each current year, has been inserted in the Table of Movable Feasts.

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE ROMAN CALENDAR.

A.—Apostle.	Dea.—Deacon.	Pr.—Priest.
AA.—Apostles.	Du.—A Double.	Q.—Queen.
Ab.—Abbot.	H.—Hermit.	S.—Saint.
B.—Bishop.	K.—King.	SS.—Saints.
C.—Confessor.	M.—Martyr.	SDu.—A Saint
Comp.—Companions.	MM.—Martyrs.	double.
Com.—Commemoration.	Oct.—Octave.	V.—Virgin.
D.—Doctor.	P.—Pope.	W.—Widow

TABLE OF MOVABLE FEASTS.

YEAR OF OUR LORD.	DOMINICAL LETTER.	GOLDEN NUMBER.	THE EPOCH.	SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.	ASH WEDNESDAY.	EASTER SUNDAY.
1902	e	8	21	Jan. 26	Feb. 12	Mar. 30
1903	d	4	2	Feb. 8	Feb. 25	Apr. 12
1904	c b	5	13	Jan. 31	Feb. 17	Apr. 3
1905	A	6	24	Feb. 19	Mar. 8	Apr. 23
1906	g	7	5	Feb. 11	Feb. 28	Apr. 15
1907	F	8	16	Jan. 27	Feb. 13	Mar. 31
1908	e d	9	27	Feb. 16	Mar. 4	Apr. 19
1909	c	10	8	Feb. 7	Feb. 24	Apr. 11
1910	b	11	19	Jan. 23	Feb. 9	Mar. 27
1911	A	12	*	Feb. 12	Mar. 1	Apr. 16
1912	g f	13	11	Feb. 4	Feb. 21	Apr. 7
1913	e	14	22	Jan. 19	Feb. 5	Mar. 23
1914	d	15	3	Feb. 8	Feb. 25	Apr. 12
1915	c	16	14	Jan. 31	Feb. 17	Apr. 4
1916	b a	17	25	Feb. 20	Mar. 8	Apr. 23
1917	g	18	6	Feb. 4	Feb. 21	Apr. 8
1918	f	19	17	Jan. 27	Feb. 13	Mar. 31
1919	e	1	29	Feb. 16	Mar. 5	Apr. 20
1920	d c	2	10	Feb. 1	Feb. 18	Apr. 4

TABLE OF MOVABLE FEASTS.

YEAR OF OUR LORD	ASCENSION DAY.	WHITSUNDAY.	CORPUS CHRI' .	SUNDAYS 'FTER PENTECOST.	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.
1902	May 8	May 18	May 29	27	Nov. 30
1903	May 21	May 31	June 11	25	Nov. 29
1904	May 12	May 22	June 2	26	Nov. 27
1905	June 1	June 11	June 22	24	Dec. 3
1906	May 24	June 3	June 14	25	Dec. 2
1907	May 9	May 19	May 30	27	Dec. 1
1908	May 29	June 7	June 18	24	Nov. 29
1909	May 20	May 30	June 10	25	Nov. 28
1910	May 5	May 15	May 26	27	Nov. 27
1911	May 25	June 4	June 15	25	Dec. 3
1912	May 16	May 26	June 6	26	Dec. 1
1913	May 1	May 11	May 22	28	Nov. 30
1914	May 21	May 31	June 11	25	Nov. 29
1915	May 13	May 23	June 3	26	Nov. 28
1916	June 1	June 11	June 22	24	Dec. 3
1917	May 17	May 27	June 7	26	Dec. 2
1918	May 9	May 19	May 30	27	Dec. 1
1919	May 29	June 8	June 19	24	Nov. 30
1920	May 18	May 28	June 8	26	Nov. 28

JANUARY,—HAS XXXI DAYS.

So called, because it was dedicated to the God, Janus.

Zodiacal Sign—Aquarius, The Waterbearer.

1	A	† CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD, <i>Du.</i>
2	b	† S. Fulgentius, B. C.—Oct. S. Stephen & Comm. Oct. S. John, A. and SS. Innocents, <i>Du.</i>
3	c	† S. Genevieve, V.—Oct. S. John, <i>Du.</i> and Comm. SS. Innocents.
4	d	† S. Titus, B. of Crete.—Oct. SS. Innocents, <i>Du.</i>
5	e	† S. Telesphorus, P. M.—Vigil of Epiphany, <i>SDu.</i>
6	f	† EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD, <i>Du.</i>
7	g	S. Lucian, Pr. M.—Of the Oct. of Epiphany, <i>SDu.</i>
8	A	S. Severius, B. of Naples.—Of the Oct. of Epiphany, <i>SDu.</i>
9	b	SS. Julian & Basil, MM.—Of the Oct. of Epiphany, <i>SDu.</i>
10	c	S. William, C.—Of the Oct. of Epiphany, <i>SDu.</i>
11	d	S. Hyginus, P. M.—Of the Oct. of Epiphany, <i>SDu.</i>
12	e	S. Tatiana, M.—Of the Oct. of Epiphany, <i>SDu.</i>
13	f	S. Veronica, V.—Oct. of Epiphany, <i>Du.</i>
14	g	S. Hilary, B. C., <i>SDu.</i> —Comm. of S. Felix, Pr. M.
15	A	S. Paul, 1st H. C., <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Maurus, Ab.
16	b	S. Marcellus, P. M., <i>SDu.</i>
17	c	S. Anthony, Ab., <i>Du.</i>
18	d	Chair of S. Peter at Rome, <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Prisca, V. M. and of S. Paul, A.
19	e	S. Canute, K. of Den. M., <i>SDu.</i> —Comm. of SS. Marius, Martha, Audifax, and Abacum, MM.
20	f	SS. Fabian and Sebastian, MM., <i>SDu.</i>
21	g	S. Agnes, V. M., <i>Du.</i>
22	A	SS. Vincent and Anastasius, MM., <i>SDu.</i>
23	b	S. Raymond of Pezafort, C., <i>SDu.</i> —Comm. of S. Eusebius, V. M.
24	c	S. Timothy, B. M., <i>SDu.</i>
25	d	Conversion of S. Paul, A., <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Peter, A.
26	e	S. Polycarp, B. M., <i>SDu.</i>
27	f	S. John Chrysostom, B. C., <i>Du.</i>
28	g	S. Flavian, M.—2d Comm. of S. Agnes, V. M.
29	A	S. Francis of Sales, B. C., <i>Du.</i>
30	b	S. Martina, V. M., <i>SDu.</i>
31	c	S. Peter Nolasco, C., <i>Du.</i>

On the Second Sunday after Epiphany, the MOST HOLY NAME OF *Jesu*, *Du.* with the commemoration of that Sunday.

N. 3. The days marked with a † are days of Plenary Indulgence.

FEBRUARY,—HAS XXVIII OR XXIX DAYS.

So called from the word *Februatio*, Purification, because the Romans offered Sacrifices of Purification during this month.

Zodiacal Sign—Pisces, The Fishes.

1	d	S. Ignatius, B. M., <i>SDu.</i>
2	e	† PURIFICATION OF THE B. V. MARY, <i>Du.</i>
3	f	† S. Blase, B. M.
4	g	† S. Andrew Corsini, R. C., <i>Du.</i>
5	A	† S. Agatha, V. M. <i>Du.</i>
6	b	† S. Dorothy, V. M.
7	c	† S. Romuald, Ab., <i>Du.</i>
8	d	† S. John of Martha, C., <i>Du.</i>
9	e	† S. Apollonia, V. M.
10	f	S. Scholastica, V. M., <i>Du.</i>
11	g	SS. Saturninus and his companions, <i>MM</i>
12	A	S. Meletius, B. of Antioch, C.
13	b	S. Catharine de Rica, V.
14	c	S. Valentine, Pr. M.
15	d	SS. Faustinus and Jovita, <i>MM.</i>
16	e	S. Onesimus, B. of Ephesus, <i>M.</i>
17	f	S. Theodulus, <i>M.</i>
18	g	S. Simeon, B. of Jerusalem, <i>M.</i>
19	A	S. Mansuetus, B. of Milan, C.
20	b	S. Eucherius, B. C.
21	c	S. Severian, B. M.
22	d	Chair of St. Peter at Antioch, <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Paul, A
23	e	S. Polycarp, Pr. M.—Vigil of S. Matthias
24	f	S. MATTHIAS, A., <i>Du.</i> —(in Leap years. on the 25th.)
25	g	S. Felix, P. C.
26	A	S. Alexander, B. of Alexandria, C.
27	b	S. Leander, B. of Seville, C.
28	c	S. Romanus, Ab.
29	d	S. Oswald, B. of Worcester, C.

In Leap Years this month has 29 days, and the Feast of St. Matthias is celebrated on the 25th. And the Dominical Letter which was taken in the month of January is changed to the preceding one. Thus, if in January, the Dominical Letter was A, it is changed to the preceding letter, which is G, and the letter F serves twice; for the 24th and 25th.

The Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday which follow the first Sunday in Lent are EMBER DAYS.

MARCH,—HAS XXXI DAYS.

So called, because it was dedicated to the God, Mars.

Zodiacal Sign—Aries, The Ram.

1	d	S. Albinus, B. C.—S. David, B. C.
2	e	S. Simplicius, P. C.
3	f	S. Cunegundis, V.
4	g	S. Casimir, C., S. Du.—Comm. of S. Lactus, P. M.
5	A	S. Phocas, M.—S. Kyran, B. C. (Oss—y)
6	b	SS. Victor and Comp., M. M.
7	c	S. Thomas of Aquino, C. D., Du.—Comm. of SS. Perpetua and Felicitas, M. M.
8	d	S. John of God, C., Du.
9	e	S. Frances, a Roman widow, Du.
10	f	The forty Martyrs of Sebaste, S. Du.
11	g	S. Eulogius, Pr. M.
12	A	S. Gregory the Great, P. C. D., Du.
13	b	S. Euphrasia, V.
14	c	S. Matilda, W.
15	d	S. Longinus, M.
16	e	S. Abraham, H.
17	f	S. Patrick, B. C., Apostle of Ireland, S. Du.
18	g	S. Edward, K. of England, M.
19	A	S. JOSEPH, C., SPOUSE OF THE B. V. MARY, Du.
20	b	S. Cuthbert, B. C.
21	c	S. Benedict, Ab.
22	d	S. Basil, Pr. M.
23	e	S. Turibius, B. of Lima, C.
24	f	S. Gabriel, Archangel, Du.
25	g	† ANNUNCIATION OF THE B. V. MARY, Du.
26	A	† S. Ludger, B. C.
27	b	† S. John, H.—S. Robert, B. C.
28	c	† S. Guntram, K. C.
29	d	† S. Cyrillus, Dea. M.
30	e	† S. John Climacus, Ab.
31	f	† S. Balbina, V.

On Friday in Passion-week, the Feast of the Compassion of the B. V. MARY.

The Vernal Equinox falls on the 21st of this month.

March was the first month of the ancient Roman year.

APRIL,—HAS XXX DAYS.

So called from the word *Aperire*, to *open*—the earth to produce.

Zodiacal Sign—Taurus, The Bull.

1	g	† <i>S. Hugh, B. of Grenoble, C.</i>
2	A	<i>S. Francis of Paula, C., Du.</i>
3	b	<i>S. Richard, B. C.</i>
4	c	<i>S. Isidore, B. of Seville, C., Du.</i>
5	d	<i>S. Vincent Ferrer, C. Du.</i>
6	e	<i>S. Celestian I., P. C., Du.</i>
7	f	<i>S. Hegesippus, C.</i>
8	g	<i>S. Dionysius, B. of Corinth.</i>
9	A	<i>S. Mary of Cleophas, sister of B. V. Mary.</i>
10	b	<i>S. Macarius, B. of Antioch, C.</i>
11	c	<i>S. Leo the Great, P. C. D., Du.</i>
12	d	<i>S. Victor, M.</i>
13	e	<i>S. Hermengild, K. M., SDu.</i>
14	f	<i>SS. Tiburtius, Valerian, and Maximus, MM.</i>
15	g	<i>SS. Basilissa and Anastasia, MM.</i>
16	A	<i>S. Lambert, M.</i>
17	b	<i>S. Anicetus, P. M.</i>
18	c	<i>S. Perfectus, Pr. M.</i>
19	d	<i>S. Timon, Dea. M.</i>
20	e	<i>S. Agnes, V.</i>
21	f	<i>S. Anselm, B. of Canterbury, C. D., Du.</i>
22	g	<i>SS. Soter and Caius, PP. MM., SDu.</i>
23	A	<i>S. George, Patron of England, M., SDu.</i>
24	b	<i>S. Fidelis of Sigmaringa, M., Du.</i>
25	c	<i>S. MARK, THE EVANGELIST, Du.</i>
26	d	<i>SS. Cletus and Marcellinus, PP. MM., SDu.</i>
27	e	<i>S. John, Ab. C.</i>
28	f	<i>S. Vitalis, M.</i>
29	g	<i>S. Peter, M.</i>
30	A	<i>S. Catharine of Sienna.</i>

On the third Sunday after Easter PATRONAGE OF ST. JOSEPH, 4th comma of that Sunday.

MAY,—HAS XXXI DAYS.

So called, because it was dedicated to the Goddess *Mai*.

Zodiacal Sign—Gemini, The Twins.

1	b	SS. PHILP AND JAMES, A.A., <i>Du.</i>
2	c	S. Athanasius, B. of Alexandria, C. D.
3	d	FINDING OF THE HOLY CROSS, <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of SS. Alexander, Eventius, and Theodulus, MM.
4	e	S. Monica, W., <i>Du.</i>
5	f	S. Pius, V., P. C., <i>Du.</i>
6	g	S. John, A. Sufferings before the Latin Gate, <i>Du.</i>
7	A	S. Stanislaus, B. M., <i>Du.</i>
8	b	Apparition of S. Michael, the Archangel, <i>Du.</i>
9	c	S. Gregory Nazianzen, B. C. D., <i>Du.</i>
10	d	S. Antoninus, B. C., <i>SDu.</i> —Comm. of SS. Gordian and Epimachus, MM.
11	e	S. <i>Mammertus</i> , B. of Vienna, C.
12	f	SS. Nereus, Achilleus, and Domitilla, V., and Pancratius, MM., <i>SDu.</i>
13	g	S. John, the Silent, H.
14	A	S. Boniface, M.
15	b	SS. <i>Torquatus</i> and <i>Comp.</i> , MM.—S. <i>Dympna</i> , V. M.
16	c	S. John Nepomucen, M., <i>Du.</i> —S. Ubald, B. (in England).
17	d	S. Paschal Baylon, C., <i>Du.</i>
18	e	S. Venantius, M., <i>SDu.</i>
19	f	S. Peter Celestine, P. C., <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Pudentiana, V.
20	g	S. Bernardine of Sienna, C., <i>SDu.</i>
21	A	S. Ubald, B. C., <i>SDu.</i> —S. <i>Valens</i> , B. M.
22	b	S. <i>Basilicus</i> , M.
23	c	S. <i>Desiderius</i> , B. M.
24	d	SS. <i>Donatian</i> and <i>Rogatian</i> , MM.
25	e	S. Gregory VII., P. C., <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Urban, P. M.
26	f	S. Philip of Neri, C., <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Eleutherius, P. M.
27	g	S. Mary Magdalen, of Pazzi, V.—Comm. of S. John P. M.
28	A	S. <i>Germanus</i> , B. of Paris, C.
29	b	S. <i>Maximus</i> , B. of Triers, C.
30	c	S. Felix, P. M.—S. Emily.
31	d	S. Petronilla, V.

On Friday, next to the Octave of Corpus Christi, the Feast of the SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

The Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday which fall in the week of Pentecost, are EMBER-DAYS.

JUNE,—HAS XXX DAYS.

So called, because it was dedicated to the Goddess Juno.

Zodiacal Sign—Cancer, The Crab.

1	e	<i>S. Pamphilus, Pr. M.</i>
2	f	SS. Marcellinus, Peter and Erasmus, MM
3	g	<i>S. Clotildis, Q. of Franco.—S. Kevin, B. C., Patron of Dublin.</i>
4	A	<i>S. Francis Caracciola, C., Du.</i>
5	b	<i>S. Boniface, B., A. of Germany.</i>
6	c	<i>S. Norbert, B. C., Du.—S. Jerlath, B. C., Patron of Tuam.</i>
7	d	<i>S. Robert, Ab.</i>
8	e	<i>S. Medardus, B. C.</i>
9	f	SS. Primus and Felician, MM.— <i>S. Columkille, Ab.</i>
10	g	<i>S. Margaret, Q. of Scotland.</i>
11	A	<i>S. Barnabus, A., Du.</i>
12	b	<i>S. John a Sancto Facundo, C., Du.—Comm. of SS. Basilides, Cyrinus, Nabor, and Nazarius, MM.</i>
13	c	<i>S. Anthony of Padua, C., Du.</i>
14	d	<i>S. Basil the Great, B. D. C., Du.</i>
15	e	SS. Vitus, Modestus, and Crescentia, MM.
16	f	<i>S. John Francis Regis, C.</i>
17	g	<i>S. Avitus, Pr. C.</i>
18	A	SS. Marcus and Marcellianus, MM.
19	b	<i>S. Juliana of Falconery, V., SDu.—Comm. of SS. Gervase and Protase, MM.</i>
20	c	<i>S. Silverius, P. M.</i>
21	d	<i>S. Aloysius Gonzaga, C., Du.</i>
22	e	<i>S. Paulinus, B. of Nola, C.</i>
23	f	<i>S. Agrippina, V. M.—Vigil.</i>
24	g	NATIVITY OF S. JOHN THE BAPTIST, Du.
25	A	<i>S. William, Ab., Du.—Comm. of Oct. of S. John.</i>
26	b	SS. John and Paul, MM., Du.—Comm. of Oct.
27	c	<i>S. Crescent, B. M.—Comm. of Oct.</i>
28	d	<i>S. Leo II., P. C., SDu.—Comm. of Oct. and Vigil.</i>
29	e	† SS. PETER AND PAUL, AA., Du.
30	f	† Comm. of S. Paul, A., Du.—Comm. of S. Peter and on Oct. of S. John.

The SUMMER SOLSTICE takes place on the twenty-first of this month.

JULY,—HAS XXXI DAYS.

So called, in honor of the birth of Julius Cæsar.

Zodiacal Sign—Leo, The Lion.

1	g	† Oct. of S. John Baptist, <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of Oct. of the Apostles.
2	A	† VISITATION OF B. V. M., <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of Oct. of AA., and of SS. Proceus and Martinian, MM.
3	b	† S. Eulogius and comp., MM.
4	c	† S. Flavian, B. of Antioch.
5	d	† S. Athanasius, <i>Dea. M.</i>
6	e	† Octave of SS. Peter and Paul, <i>Du.</i>
7	f	S. Benedict XI., P. M.—S. Thomas a Becket, B. M. (in England).
8	g	S. Elizabeth, Q. of Portugal, W., <i>SDu.</i>
9	A	Holy Martyrs of Gorcum, <i>Du.</i> —S. Cyrillus, B. M.
10	b	The Seven Brethren, MM., and SS. Rufina and Secunda, VV. MM., <i>SDu.</i>
11	c	S. Pius I., P. M.
12	d	S. John Gualbert, Ab., <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of SS. Nabor and Felix, MM.
13	e	S. Anaclethus, P. M., <i>SDu.</i>
14	f	S. Buonaventure, B. C. D., <i>Du.</i>
15	g	S. Henry, Emperor of Germany, C., <i>SDu.</i> —S. Swithin, B. (in England).
16	A	B. V. MARY OF MT. CARMEL, <i>Du.</i>
17	b	S. Alexius, C., <i>SDu.</i>
18	c	S. Camillus of Lellis, C., <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Symphorosa and her seven Sons, MM.
19	d	S. Vincent of Paula, C., <i>Du.</i>
20	e	S. Jerom Æmilianus, C., <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Margaret, V. M.
21	f	S. Praxedes, V.
22	g	S. Mary Magdalen, <i>Du.</i>
23	A	S. Apollinaris, B. M., <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Liberius, B. C.
24	b	Vigil.—Comm. of S. Christina, V. M.
25	c	S. JAMES, A., <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Christopher, M.
26	d	S. Ann, mother of B. V. Mary, <i>Du.</i>
27	e	S. Pantaleon, M.
28	f	SS. Nazarius, Celsus, and Victor, PP. MM., and S. Innocent, P. C., <i>SDu.</i>
29	g	S. Martha, V., <i>SDu.</i> —Comm. of SS. Felix, Simplicius, Faustinus, and Beatrice, MM.
30	A	SS. Abdon and Sennen, MM.
31	b	S. Ignatius, C., <i>Founder of Sec. Jesus, Du.</i>

THE ROMAN CALENDAR.

AUGUST,—HAS XXXI DAYS.

So called, in honor of the birth of Augustus Cæsar.

Zodiacal Sign—Virgo, The Virgin.

1	c	S. Peter's Chains, <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of SS. Macchabees, MM.
2	d	S. Stephen, P. M.
3	e	Finding of the Relics of S. Stephen, 1st M., <i>SDu.</i>
4	f	S. Dominick, C., <i>Du.</i>
5	g	Dedication of S. Mary ad Nives, <i>Du.</i>
6	A	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Xystus, P., Felicius and Agapetus, MM.
7	b	S. Cajetan, C., <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Donatus, B. M.
8	c	SS. Cyriacus, Largus, and Smaragdus, MM., <i>SDu.</i>
9	d	Vigil.—Comm. of S. Romanus, MM.
10	e	S. LAURENCE, M., <i>Du.</i>
11	f	SS. Tiburtius and Susanna, MM.
12	g	S. Clara, V., <i>Du.</i>
13	A	SS. Hypolitus and Cassianus, MM.
14	b	Vigil and Fast.—Comm. of S. Eusebius, C.
15	c	† ASSUMPTION OF B. V. MARY, <i>Du.</i>
16	d	† S. Hyacinth, C., <i>Du.</i>
17	e	† Oct. of S. Laurence, <i>Du.</i>
18	f	† S. Helen, mother of Constantine the Great.
19	g	† S. Louis, B. of Toles, C.
20	A	† S. Bernard, Ab. of Clairvaux, <i>Du.</i>
21	b	† S. Jane Frances Fremiot de Chantal, W.
22	c	† Oct. of Assumpt. of B. V. M., <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of SS. Timothy, Hypolitus, and Symphorianus, MM.
23	d	S. Philip Beniti, C., <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of Vigil.
24	e	S. BARTHOLOMEW, A., <i>Du.</i>
25	f	S. Louis, K. of France, C., <i>SDu.</i>
26	g	S. Zephirinus, P. M.
27	A	S. Joseph Calasancius, C.
28	b	S. Augustine, B. C. D., <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Hermes, M.
29	c	Decollation of S. John Baptist, <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Sabina, M.
30	d	S. Rose of Lima, V., <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of SS. Felix and Adaustus, MM.
31	e	S. Raymundus Nonnatus, C., <i>Du.</i>

On the Sunday within the Octave of the Assumption, the Feast of S. Joachim, father of the B. V. Mary.

SEPTEMBER,—HAS XXX DAYS.

So called, because it was the *seventh* month of the ancient Roman year, which commenced in March.

Zodiacal Sign—Libra, The Balance.

1	f	S. Giles, Ab.—Comm. of the Twelve Brothers, MM.
2	g	S. Stephen, K. of Hungary, C., <i>SDu.</i>
3	A	S. Simon Stylites, C.
4	b	S. Rosalia, V.
5	c	S. Laurence Justinian, B. C., <i>SDu.</i>
6	d	S. Oneciphorus, M.
7	e	S. Regina, V. M.
8	f	† NATIVITY OF THE B. V. MARY, <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Adrian, M.
9	g	† S. Gorgonius, M.
10	A	† S. Nicholas Tolentinus, C. <i>Du.</i>
11	b	SS. Protus and Hyacinth, MM.
12	c	† S. Juventius, B. C.
13	d	† S. Amatus, Ab.
14	e	† EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS.
15	f	† Oct. of Nativity of B. V. M., <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Nicodemus, M.
16	g	SS. Cornelius and Cyprian, PP. MM., <i>SDu.</i> —Comm. of SS. Euphemia, Lucy, and Geminianus. MM.
17	A	The Holy Stigmas of S. Francis, <i>Du.</i>
18	b	S. Joseph a Cupertino, C., <i>Du.</i>
19	c	SS. Januarius, B. and Comp., MM., <i>Du.</i>
20	d	SS. Eustachius and Comp., MM., <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of Vigili.
21	e	S. MATTHEW, A. EVANGELIST, <i>Du.</i>
22	f	S. Thomas of Villanova, B. C., <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Mauritius and Comp., MM.
23	g	S. Iamus, P. M., <i>SDu.</i> —Comm. of S. Thœcia, V. M.
24	A	B. V. Mary <i>de mercede</i> , <i>Du.</i>
25	b	S. Cleophas, M.
26	c	SS. Cyprian and Justina, MM.
27	d	SS. Cosmas and Damian, MM., <i>SDu.</i>
28	e	S. Winceslaus, Duke of Bohemia, M., <i>SDu.</i>
29	f	† S. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, <i>Du.</i>
30	g	† S. Jerome, Pr. C. D., <i>Du.</i>

On the Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity, the Feast of the HOLY NAME OF MARY. and the Sunday following the Feast of the SEVEN DOLORS.

The Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday which follow the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, are EMBER-DAYS.

The Autumnal Equinox takes place on the 21st of this month.

OCTOBER,—HAS XXXI DAYS.

So called, because it was the eighth month of the ancient Roman year.

Zodiacal Sign—Scorpio, The Scorpion.

1	A	† S. Remigius, B. of Rheims.
2	b	† THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS, <i>Du.</i>
3	c	† S. Candidus, <i>M.</i>
4	d	† S. Francis of Assisi, <i>C., Du.</i>
5	e	† SS. Placidus and Comp., <i>MM.</i>
6	f	† S. Bruno, <i>C., Du.</i>
7	g	S. Mark, P. C.—Comm. of SS. Sergius, Bacchus, Marcellus, and Apuleius, <i>MM.</i>
8	A	S. Bridget, <i>W., Du.</i>
9	b	SS. Denis, Rusticus, and Eleutherius, <i>MM., SDu.</i>
10	c	S. Francis Borgia, <i>C., SDu.</i>
11	d	S. Germanus, B. M.—S. Canice, <i>Ab. (in Ossory).</i>
12	e	S. Wilfrid, B. C.
13	f	S. Edward, K. of England, <i>C., SDu.</i>
14	g	S. Calistus, P. M., <i>SDu.</i>
15	A	S. Teresa, V., <i>Du.</i>
16	b	S. Lullus, B. of Montz.
17	c	S. Hedwige, <i>W., SDu.</i>
18	d	S. LUKE THE EVANGELIST, <i>Du.</i>
19	e	S. Peter of Alcantara, <i>C., Du.</i>
20	f	S. John Cantius, <i>C., SDu.</i>
21	g	S. Hilarian, <i>Ab.</i> —Comm. of SS. Ursula and Comp., <i>VV., MM.</i>
22	A	S. Mark, B. of Jerusalem, <i>M.</i>
23	b	S. Ignatius, B. of Constantinople, <i>M.</i>
24	c	S. Raphael, the Archangel.
25	d	SS. Chrysanthus and Daria, <i>MM.</i>
26	e	S. Evaristus, P. M.
27	f	Vigil.—S. Florentinus, <i>M.</i>
28	g	SS. SIMON AND JUDE, <i>AA., Du.</i>
29	A	S. Theodorus, <i>Ab.</i> —Venerable Bede, <i>Pr. C.</i>
30	b	S. Serapion, B. C.
31	c	SS. Nemesis and Lucullus, <i>MM.</i> —Vigil and Fast.

The first Sunday of October the Feast of the HOLY ROSARY OF THE B. V. MARY.

NOVEMBER,—HAS XXX DAYS.

So called, because it was the ninth month of the ancient Roman year.

Zodiacal Sign—Sagittarius, The Archer.

1	d	† FEAST OF ALL SAINTS, <i>Du.</i>
2	e	† COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, <i>Du.</i>
3	f	† <i>S. Malachy, B. of Armagh.</i>
4	g	† <i>S. Charles Borromeo, B. C., Du.</i> —Comm. of SS. Vitalis and Agricola, MM.
5	A	† <i>S. Elizabeth, mother of S. John Baptist.</i>
6	b	† <i>S. Leonard, Hermit.</i>
7	c	† <i>S. Engelbert, B. M.</i>
8	d	† Octave of All Saints, <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of four crowned brethren, MM.
9	e	Dedication of the Lateran Church, <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of S Theodore, M.
10	f	<i>S. Andrew Avellino, C., SDu.</i> —Comm. of SS. Tryphon, Respicus, and Nympha, MM.
11	g	<i>S. Martin, B. C., Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Meuna, MM.
12	A	<i>S. Martin, P. M., SDu.</i>
13	b	<i>S. Didacus, C., SDu.</i>
14	c	<i>S. Lawrence, B. of Dublin.</i>
15	d	<i>S. Gertrude, V., Du.</i>
16	e	<i>S. Edmund, B. C.</i>
17	f	<i>S. Gregory Thaumaturgus, B. C., SDu.</i>
18	g	Dedication of the Churches of SS. Peter and Paul,
19	A	<i>S. Elizabeth, W., Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Pontianus, P. M.
20	b	<i>S. Felix of Valois, C., Du.</i>
21	c	PRESENTATION OF THE B. V. MARY, <i>Du.</i>
22	d	<i>S. Cecilia, V. M., Du.</i>
23	e	<i>S. Clement, P. M., Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Felicitas, M.
24	f	<i>S. John of the Cross, C., Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Chrysogonus, M.
25	g	<i>S. Catharine, V. M., Du.</i>
26	A	<i>S. Peter, B. of Alexandria, M.</i>
27	b	<i>S. Severinus, Hermit.</i>
28	c	<i>S. Gregory III., P. C.</i>
29	d	Vigil.—Comm. of S. Saturninus, M.
30	e	<i>S. Andrew, A.</i>

The first Sunday of Advent is the Sunday immediately after the twenty-sixth day of November.

DECEMBER,—HAS XXXI DAYS.

So called, because it was the tenth month of the ancient Roman year.

Zodiacal Sign—Capricornus. The Goat.

1	f	S. Eligius, B. C.
2	g	S. Bibiana, V. M., <i>SDu.</i>
3	A	S. Francis Xavier, C.
4	b	S. Peter Chrysologus, B. C. <i>Du.</i> —Comm of S. Barbara, V. M.
5	c	S. Sabbas, Ab., Comm.
6	d	S. Nicholas, B. of Myra, C., <i>Du.</i>
7	e	S. Ambrose, B. C. D., <i>Du.</i>
8	f	† IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE B. V. MARY, <i>Du.*</i>
9	g	† S. Leocadia, <i>V. M.</i>
10	A	† S. Melchisedec, P. M.
11	b	+ S. Damasus, P. C., <i>SDu.</i>
12	c	† S. Synesius, <i>M.</i>
13	d	† S. Lucy, V. M., <i>Du.</i>
14	e	† S. Spiridion, B. C.
15	f	† Oct. of Conception of B. V. Mary, <i>Du.</i>
16	g	S. Eusebius, B. M., <i>SDu.</i>
17	A	S. Olympias, <i>V.</i>
18	b	S. Gratian, B. of Tours.—Expectation of B. V. Mary
19	c	S. Timothy, Dea. <i>M.</i>
20	d	S. Dominick, Ab.—Vigil.
21	e	S. THOMAS, A., <i>Du.</i>
22	f	S. Ischyrius, <i>M.</i>
23	g	S. Victoria, <i>V. M.</i>
24	A	Vigil and Fast.
25	b	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of S. Anastasia.
26	c	S. STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR.
27	d	Holy Innocents, MM., <i>Du.</i> —Comm. of Oct. of Nativity.
28	e	S. JOHN, A. AND EVANGELIST.
29	f	S. Thomas, B. of Canterbury, M., <i>SDu.</i>
30	g	S. Sabinus, B. and Comp. <i>MM.</i>
31	A	S. Sylvester, P. C.

The Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday which fall in the third week of Advent are EMBER DAYS.

The Winter Solstice falls on the 21st of this month.

* The B. V. Mary "conceived without sin," is the patroness of the United States. The feast of the Conception is solemnized on the Sunday within the Octave.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION.

On which every Catholic who has come to the age of reason is obliged to hear Mass and to rest from servile work, unless hindered by sickness or other sufficient cause :

1. All Sundays in the year.
2. The Circumcision of our Lord, or New-Year's Day.
3. The Ascension of our Lord.
4. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.
5. All Saints.
6. Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin.
7. Nativity of our Lord, or Christmas Day.

FASTING DAYS.

All days in Lent, except Sundays.

The Eve of Whitsuntide.

The Quarter-Tenses, or Ember days, which occur in the four seasons of the year.

The Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Vigil of All Saints.

Every Friday in Advent, and Christmas Eve.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE FROM FLESH MEAT.

All Fridays in the year.

If a fasting day fall on a Sunday, the fast is kept on the Saturday preceding that Sunday.

If Christmas Day fall upon a Friday, neither fast nor abstinence is observed.

Soldiers and sailors in the service of the United States, even in barracks, garrisons, etc., are dispensed by the indult of Pope Pius IX. from the rule of abstinence, except on six days in each year—namely, Ash Wednesday; Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in Holy Week; the Vigil of the Assumption; and Christmas Eve.

An Abridgment of Christian Doctrine

The Ten Commandments of God—Exodus xx.

1 I **AM** the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, and out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt not have strange gods before me. Thou shalt not make to thyself a graven thing, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, nor of those things that are in the waters under the earth. Thou shalt not adore them, nor serve them : I am the Lord thy God, mighty, jealous, visiting the iniquity of fathers upon their children, unto the third and fourth generation of those that hate me ; and showing mercy unto thousands of those that love me, and keep my commandments.

2. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain ; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that shall take the name of the Lord his God in vain.

3. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day. Six days shalt thou labor, and shalt do all thy works ; but on the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God : thou shalt do no work on it, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy beast, nor the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and the sea, and all things that are in them, and rested on the seventh day ; therefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it.

4. Honor thy father and thy mother, that thou mayest be long-lived upon the land which the Lord thy God will give thee.

5. Thou shalt not kill.

6 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

7 Thou shalt not steal.

8 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, nor his servant nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his

The Six Precepts of the Church.

1. To hear Mass on Sundays, and all holydays of obligation.
2. To fast and abstain on the days commanded.
3. To confess our sins at least once a year.
4. To receive the Blessed Eucharist at Easter.
5. To contribute to the support of our pastors.
6. Not to solemnize marriage at the forbidden times, nor to marry persons within the forbidden degrees of kindred, or otherwise prohibited by the Church ; nor clandestinely.

Seven Sacraments.

Baptism	<i>Matt.</i> xxviii. 19.
Confirmation	<i>Acts</i> viii. 17.
Eucharist	<i>Matt.</i> xvi. 26.
Penance	<i>John</i> xx. 23.
Extreme Unction	<i>James</i> v. 14.
Holy Orders	<i>Luke</i> xxii. 19.
Matrimony	<i>Matt.</i> xix. 6.

The Three Theological Virtues.

Faith—Hope—and Charity.

The Four Cardinal Virtues.

Prudence—Justice—Fortitude—and Temperance.

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost.—Isa. xi. 2, 3.

Wisdom,	Fortitude,	The fear of the
Understanding,	Knowledge,	Lord.
Counsel,	Piety, and	

The Twelve Fruits of the Holy Ghost.

Charity,	Longanimity,	Fidelity,
Joy,	Goodness,	Modesty,
Peace,	Benignity,	Continency, and
Patience,	Mildness,	Chastity.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy.

To counsel the doubtful,	To forgive offences,
To instruct the ignorant,	To bear wrongs patiently,
To admonish sinners,	To pray for the living and the
To comfort the afflicted,	dead.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

To feed the hungry,	To visit the sick,
To give drink to the thirsty,	To visit the captive, and
To clothe the naked,	To bury the dead.
To harbor the harborless,	

The Eight Beatitudes.—Matt. v.

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit ; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

2. Blessed are the meek ; for they shall possess the land.

3. Blessed are they that mourn ; for they shall be comforted.

4. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice ; for they shall be filled.

5. Blessed are the merciful ; for they shall obtain mercy

6. Blessed are the clean of heart ; for they shall see God

7. Blessed are the peacemakers ; for they shall be called the children of God.

8. Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice sake ; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Seven Deadly Sins, and the opposite Virtues.

Pride,	} <i>Contrary Virtues.</i> {	Humility.
Covetousness,		Liberality.
Lust,		Chastity.
Anger,		Meekness.
Gluttony,		Temperance.
Envy,		Brotherly love.
Sloth,		Diligence.

Sins against the Holy Ghost.

Presumption of God's mercy—Despair—Impugning the known truth—Envy at another's spiritual good—Obstinacy in sin—Final impenitence.

Sins crying to Heaven for Vengeance.

Wilful murder—The sin of Sodom—Oppression of the poor—Defrauding laborers of their wages.

Nine Ways of being accessory to another's Sin.

By counsel—By command—By consent—By provocation
—By praise or flattery—By concealment—By partaking—
By silence—By defence of the ill done.

Three Eminent Good Works

~~Alms~~-deeds, or works of mercy—Prayer—and Fasting

The Evangelical Counsels.

Voluntary poverty—Chastity—and Obedience.

The Four last Things to be remembered.

Death—Judgment—Hell—and Heaven.

Subjects for Daily Meditation.

Remember, Christian soul, that thou hast this day, and every
day of thy life,—

God to glorify,
Jesus to imitate,
The angels and saints to in
voke,
A soul to save,
A body to mortify,
Sins to expiate,
Virtues to acquire,
Hell to avoid.

Heaven to gain,
Eternity to prepare for,
Time to profit of,
Neighbors to edify,
The world to despise,
Devils to combat,
Passions to subdue,
Death perhaps to suffer,
And Judgment to undergo

Bap Baptism

PROVIDED an infant is in danger of dying before a Priest
can be procured, any other person, whether man, woman,
or child, may baptize it in the following manner :

Whilst pouring common water on the head or face of the
infant, pronounce the words, " I baptize thee in the name of
the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

EXPLANATION OF THE Sundays and Principal Festivals of the Year

FEASTS IN GENERAL

THOUGH there is no day which the Christian should not spend in a holy manner, by abstaining from sin and doing good works; he is, nevertheless, obliged to sanctify more particularly certain days which God reserves to himself and the Church sets apart for that purpose. These days are Sundays and Holydays.

The Sunday, or the Lord's day, is that on which God commenced the creation of the world, and on which our Saviour rose from the dead. It is kept by Christians in lieu of the Sabboth, which the Israelites celebrated on Saturday, because God rested on that day, after having created the world.

The Church has likewise thought proper to impose on her children the obligation of sanctifying other days in the year, in honor of the mysteries of our redemption, or to commemorate the eminent virtues of the Blessed Virgin and the Saints, and to place before us their admirable example.

The sanctification of those days consists, 1st, in abstaining from servile work, from all commerce and manual labor, which is not necessary for the worship of God and the support of life: 2d, in returning to God by penance, cleansing our conscience, receiving the Sacraments, and performing other duties of religion. Among these duties, that of assisting at the holy sacrifice of Mass is the principal, and is binding under pain of mortal sin, unless sickness or some other important reason dispense us from this obligation. Though a person may be said to obey to the letter the precept of the Church, by hearing Mass, it is certainly a great abuse to restrict to this point only, the whole sanctification which the law of God prescribes. To be satisfied with assisting at low Mass, without performing any other act of religion, as many Christians do, is to go against the spirit of the Church in that particular commandment, to disobey other commandments she has imposed, and not to satisfy the commandments of God.

PARTICULAR FESTIVALS.

NEW YEARS DAY.—On this day, which is the first of the year, the Church celebrates the octave of the Nativity of our Lord, his circumcision, and the blessed name of Jesus which was given him on that occasion. The devout Christian, therefore, will find much to occupy him, in again adoring Jesus Christ in the humiliation of his birth, in contemplating that infinite love for man which he already manifests by the effusion of his blood, and in renewing his confidence in the mercy and goodness of Him who takes the name of Saviour, because he is to save us from sin and hell. He should also look back with regret upon the past years of his life, and form a generous resolution to employ more profitably the year which has just commenced, imploring for that purpose the light and grace of the Holy Ghost.

EPIPHANY.—The Church commemorates on this feast three different mysteries, in which Jesus Christ made himself known to man and manifested his glory; the adoration paid him by the Wise Men of the East, the baptism he received from Saint John, and the first miracle wrought by him at Cana of Galilee, by changing water into wine. She dwells however, more particularly on the first of these mysteries and exhorts us to imitate the example of the magi, the first fruits of the Gentiles converted to the faith, by offering to him the gold of pure and ardent charity, the incense of fervent prayer, and the myrrh of penance and self-denial, without which we are Christians only in name.

SEPTUAGESIMA, SEXAGESIMA, AND QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAYS, are days set apart by the Church for acts of penance and mortification, and are a certain gradation or preparation to the devotion of Lent, being more proper and immediate to the passion and resurrection of Christ; taking their numeral denominations from their being about seventy, sixty, and fifty days before Easter.

SHROVETIDE signifies the time of confession; for our ancestors used to say, *we will go skrift*; and in the more primitive times, it was the custom of all good Christians then to confess their sins to a priest, the better to prepare themselves for a holy observance of Lent, and worthy receiving of the blessed sacrament at Easter.

ASH-WEDNESDAY, a day of public penance and humiliation through the whole Church of God ; so called from the ceremony of blessing ashes, wherewith the priest signs the people with the cross on their foreheads, giving them this wholesome admonition, *Remember, man, that dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return*, Gen. ii. 9, to remind them of their mortality, and prepare them for the holy fast of Lent, which begins on this day. The *ashes* are made of the *palms* blessed the Palm Sunday before.

LENT.—The object of the Church in establishing the fast of Lent, which, according to the most ancient tradition, is of apostolical institution, was to instruct her children in the obligation of doing penance during their whole life, and prepare them to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, by making them partake in some degree of his sufferings through which it was necessary for him to pass, before he entered into his glory.

All those who have completed one and twenty years are obliged to abstain from flesh-meat every day in Lent ; and every day, Sundays excepted, they are obliged also to fast. This fast consists in eating but one full meal in the day, and that not before twelve o'clock. If, besides this repast, we are allowed towards evening, what is commonly called a *collation*, we should remember that it ought not to exceed more than one-fourth of an ordinary meal ; because the intention of the Church in permitting this refection is not so much to grant the indulgence of an additional repast, as to use the necessary precaution to ward off sickness and prevent weakness. Milk, except to color tea or coffee, eggs and warm fish, are prohibited at the collation.

The sick, women with child or who give suck, they who are under infirmities, who are advanced in years, or whose painful or laborious occupation will not permit to fast without great prejudice to their health, are dispensed from fasting. But more important reasons are required for an exemption from the law of abstinence than for a dispensation from the fast. Every little headache, want of sleep, or other transient and inconsiderable indisposition, are not sufficient reasons to justify either one or the other. To act prudently and with a safe conscience in this matter, we should always consult the clergyman who is charged with our spiritual welfare and follow his advice.

If the bishop of the diocese grants a general dispensation to eat flesh-meat at our meal on certain days in the week, those days do not, on that account, cease to be fasting days and it should be further observed that fish and meat are not allowed to be taken at the same meal.

Besides this obligation of penance, there is another duty incumbent on the Christian, during the time of Lent, from which no one can plead an exemption. To fast spiritually, by avoiding sin and the occasions of it, by combating our bad habits and restraining the passions; to expiate our offences; to bring forth worthy fruits of penance; to give alms; to offer frequent prayer to God;—all these things are equally necessary to those who fast, and those who are dispensed from fasting.

PASSION SUNDAY.—So called from the *Passion of Christ*, is intended to prepare us more particularly for the commemoration of that important event. On the evening previous, the crucifixes and pictures in the churches are covered with purple, to give them a more solemn and mournful appearance, and likewise to represent the privacy of our divine Saviour before his passion.

PALM SUNDAY takes its name from the ceremony performed on this day of blessing palms or other green boughs, after which a procession is made to honor the triumphant entry of our Saviour into Jerusalem, five days before his crucifixion. Like the faithful people who paid their sincere homage to Jesus Christ, and received him with acclamations and heartfelt joy, we should welcome him to our souls, adore him as our supreme Lord and Master, and entreat him to come and reign in our hearts, by subjecting them to the maxims of the gospel. This is the first day of the Holy Week, which is consecrated to the special commemoration of our divine Saviour's sufferings and death. At mass, the history of the passion is recited or sung. When circumstances permit, the passion is chanted by three clergymen, one of whom takes the part of the evangelist or narrator, another that of the synagogue, and the third, that of Jesus Christ.

On *Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday* of Holy Week, the office of *Tenebrae*, which consists of the Matins and Lauds of the last three days, is recited or chanted; during which fourteen yellow lights, mounted on a triangular candlestick

are extinguished, one by one, after each psalm, leaving only the white one at the summit, lighted. Also, at the end of every second verse of the *Benedictus*, one of the lights on the altar is put out, till all are extinguished. This extinction of the lights typifies the abandonment of our divine Saviour during his passion. He is represented by the white candle at the top of the candlestick, which during the *missa* is taken from the triangular stand, and concealed behind the altar, until a slight noise is made at the end of the office, intended to signify the convulsed state of nature at the death of Christ, when it is brought forth again, and replaced on the candlestick from which it was taken, to remind us that the divinity of our Lord was never separated from his humanity.

MAUNDY-THURSDAY, in memory of our Lord's last supper, when he instituted the *blessed sacrament* of his precious body and blood, so called from the first word of the anthem, *Mandatum*, &c. (John xiii. 34.) *I give you a new command, that you love one another, as I have loved you*; which is sung on that day in the Church, when the prelates begin the ceremony of washing the people's feet, in imitation of Christ's washing those of his disciples, before he instituted that blessed sacrament. On Maundy-Thursaday but one mass is said, that of the Holy Eucharist, as an expression of joy and gratitude for that holy institution, though its special commemoration is deferred to another time, the Church being wholly occupied during Holy Week with the passion of Christ. During the *Gloria*, the bells are rung, after which they are silent until the same part of the mass on Holy Saturday, to honor the silence of our Saviour during his passion, and express the mourning of the Church for the death of her divine Spouse. At the mass of this day, the bishop consecrates the holy oils, which are used in the administration of the sacraments. After mass, the sacred host, consecrated for the office of the following day, is carried in procession to a repository prepared for its reception, which is handsomely decorated, and the faithful there visit our Lord in thanksgiving for the inestimable blessings conferred by the institution of the Holy Eucharist. The blessed Sacrament is removed from the principal altar, which is also divested of all its usual ornaments, to represent the

destitution of our Saviour in his passion, and the grief of the Church in recalling his sufferings.

GOOD FRIDAY.—Christ crucified is the great object that engrosses the attention of the Church on this day, and for this end she reads such lessons and tracts as relate to the mystery of redemption. The passion is sung in the morning-office, and prayers are offered up for all sorts of persons, to show that none are excluded from the suffrages of the Church, since Jesus Christ offered himself a victim for the sins of all mankind. Next, the clergy and laity adore Jesus Christ crucified, which they express by the veneration paid to the cross. After this ceremony, the sacred host is brought from the repository to the altar, and the service is concluded by the priest's receiving the divine victim that was slain on this day.

HOLY SATURDAY.—The *Tenebræ*, or *Matins*, with the other canonical hours for this day, are consecrated to the memory of our Lord in his sepulchre; at Mass, he is represented to the faithful as coming out of the grave, and triumphing over death by his resurrection. The word *Night*, used in the benediction of the Paschal Candle, in the collect of the Mass, in the Preface and *Communicantes*, shows that the office and Mass, now said in the middle of the day, were formerly said in the following night, to honor the time of our Saviour's resurrection, which happened in this night.

The altars deprived of their ornaments on *Maundy-Thurs-day*, are again clothed with them, and a new *Fire* is blessed, to illuminate them. The office begins with lighting a *Triple Candle*, which is emblematic of the *Light of Christ*, and signifies that the faith of the Blessed Trinity proceeds from the light communicated to us by Christ risen from the dead. The *Paschal Candle*, blessed in the next place by the Deacon, is a figure of the body of Jesus Christ, and not being lighted at first, represents him dead; and the five blessed *grains of incense* fixed in it, denote the aromatic spices that embalmed him in the sepulchre. The lighting of the *Paschal Candle*, is a representation of his rising again to a new life; and the lighting of the lamps, and other candles afterwards, teaches the faithful, that the resurrection of the Head will be followed by that of the members.

After this ceremony, the Church disposes the catechumens for a worthy receiving of baptism; for which purpose

she reads twelve lessons out of the Old Testament, called *Prophecies*, and after each says a solemn prayer; by both of which she not only instructs them in the effects and fruit of that sacrament, but begs for them, of Almighty God, all the advantages of it. The Church could not have appointed a more suitable time for the solemn administration of baptism, which is a lively representation of our Lord's resurrection. As he was laid in the sepulchre truly dead and came out again truly alive; so the sinner is buried in the baptismal water, as in a mystical grave, and is taken out again animated with a new life of grace. *For we are buried together with him by baptism unto death, that as Christ is risen from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also may walk in newness of life.* Rom. vi. 4.

Before the administration of the Sacrament, the *Baptismal font* is blessed with ceremonies that are full of mysteries. 1. The Priest divides the water in the form of a cross, to teach us that it confers grace and sanctity by the merits of Christ crucified. 2. He touches the water with his hand, praying that it may be free from all impressions of evil spirits. 3. He signs it thrice with the sign of the cross, to bless it in the name of the Holy Trinity. 4. He separates it with his hand, and casts out some of it towards the four parts of the world, to instruct us, that the grace of baptism, like the rivers of Paradise, flows all over the earth. 5. He breathes thrice upon it in the form of a cross, desiring God to bless it with the infusion of his Holy Spirit, that it may receive the virtue of sanctifying the soul. 6. He plunges the Paschal Candle thrice into it, praying that the Holy Ghost may descend upon it, as he did at the baptism of Christ in the waters of Jordan. 7. He mixes holy oil and chrism with it, to signify that baptism consecrates us to God, and gives spiritual strength to wrestle with, and overcome all the enemies of our soul.

After the benediction of the font, the Sacrament of baptism is solemnly administered to such as are prepared for it; and then the Litany and Mass are sung, to obtain of God, that the new baptized may persevere in the grace they have received. Incense is used at the Gospel, to represent the perfumes carried by the women to our Saviour's monument; but no lights are carried, as at other times, because they and the apostles did not yet believe his resurrection; for

which reason also the Creed is not said. The *offertory*, the kiss of peace, and the antiphon, called the *Communion*, are omitted, because the faithful did not receive the Blessed Eucharist at this Mass, but waited till Easter-day.

FASTER SUNDAY.—The Church has always considered this the first and most solemn of the festivals which she celebrates. The passion of our Lord is commemorated with tears and works of penance, only to celebrate the more joyfully the mystery of the resurrection; for, as St. Paul teaches us, this mystery is the foundation of Christianity. Jesus Christ directed the attention of his adversaries, in a special manner, to this great event, as a proof of his heavenly mission and his divine character. Hence the apostle says: "If Christ be not risen again, your faith is vain." But having risen from the dead, he has proved the truth of his declarations. His teachings are from God, and faith in him is the only means of salvation. The festival of Easter is also emphatically styled by the Church the "day which the Lord hath made," it being the day of his triumph over the power of his enemies and the darkness of the tomb. The principal disposition of the devout Christian, in commemorating the glorious event of Christ's resurrection from the dead, consists in renewing his faith in the truths of religion, his hopes to share one day in the glory of his Saviour, and his charity, by rising to a life of fervor in the service of God.

LOW-SUNDAY, in Latin *Dominica in albis*, is the octave of Easter-day, and so called from the catechumens' white garments, emblems of innocence and joy, which they put on at their baptism, and solemnly put off this day.

ASCENSION-DAY, (a feast of obligation,) solemnized in memory of Christ's glorious ascension into heaven on the fortieth day after his resurrection, in the sight of his apostles and disciples, (*Acts* i. 9,) for which reason the paschal candle at the end of the gospel is taken away to signify the *exile*. The faithful Christian should then detach himself from the earth, sigh after the happiness of heaven, which was opened to him on this day, and invoke upon himself, by fervent prayer, the grace to overcome every difficulty in the way of salvation.

WHIT-SUNDAY, or **PENTECOST**, a solemn feast in memory and honor of the descent of the Holy Ghost on the heads of the apostles, in the shape of tongues of fire. (*Acts* ii. 3.)

Pentecost in Greek signifies the *fiftieth*, it being the fiftieth day after the resurrection; and it is called *Whit-Sunday*, from the catechumens being anciently clothed in white, and admitted on the eve of this feast to the sacrament of Baptism. The old Saxons called it *Whit-Sunday*, i. e. Holy Sunday. On this feast we should ask to be ourselves filled with the Spirit of God, which will enable us to obtain the victory over our passions, over the world, and all our spiritual enemies.

TRINITY SUNDAY.—To celebrate with fruit the festival established in honor of the Most Blessed Trinity, the Christian should make a renewal of his faith in this mystery, return fervent thanks to the adorable persons of the Godhead for the many graces and blessings he has received from them, and resolve to accompany, with an interior spirit of religion, the invocation of the Blessed Trinity, by which we have been taught, from our infancy, to commence and terminate our actions in the name of the Father, &c.

CORPUS CHRISTI.—This feast was established to commemorate the institution of the adorable sacrifice and sacrament, in which Jesus Christ has vouchsafed to perpetuate in the Church his oblation on Calvary, and to nourish our souls with his precious body and blood. The duty of a Christian then, on this day, and during the octave, is to reanimate his faith in the mystery of the real presence, to frequent the holy sacrifice, to visit the Blessed Sacrament, and particularly to receive the holy Communion.

ADVENT.—Advent is a season of penance set apart by the Church to prepare us for the festival of Christmas. It is her desire that on that day our dear Saviour should be born anew in our souls, by an increase of grace, and by the formation of our life upon his example. In order to this, the Christian should watch, pray, and do penance. He should suffer no day to pass without grieving for his sins, and imploring the grace of Him who alone can deliver him from them.

EMBER-DAYS.—The four ember-weeks in the year, are times of public prayer, fasting, and procession, partly instituted for the successful ordination of priests and other ministers of the Church; which is commonly performed at those seasons and partly to thank God for the fruits of the earth and implore a continuance of them. Ember-day de

rives its name from the ancient religious custom of eating nothing on those days till night, and then only a cake baked under the embers, called ember-bread.

The observance of ember-days is of great antiquity in the Church. Their connection with the ordination of the ministers of religion renders them particularly worthy the regard of the faithful. We cannot be too deeply impressed with the blessing granted a people, whose priests are according to God's own heart. To obtain such, no humiliation should be deemed too great; no supplication should be neglected. Whilst, therefore, we thank God for the fruits of the earth, and humble ourselves for the sins we have committed, we should beg God to supply his Church with worthy pastors.

ROGATION-WEEK being always the next but one before Whit-Sunday, is so called, because on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, rogations (from *rogo*, to ask or pray) and litanies of the saints are used, with abstinence from flesh enjoined by the Church to all persons, not only for a devout preparation to the feast of Christ's glorious Ascension and Pentecost, but also to beg and supplicate the blessing of God on the fruits of the earth. The Belgians call it *cruis-week*, i. e. *cross-week*, and so it is called in some parts of England; because when the priest goes on those days in procession, the cross is carried before him. In the north of England it is called *gang-week*, from the *ganging* or going in procession then used.

The Church has established festivals in honor of the Blessed Virgin and the Saints; that is, she has appointed certain days for the purpose of glorifying God and giving him thanks for the admirable graces bestowed upon his favorite servants, in whom he has thought fit to exhibit, in a special manner, the wonders of his goodness and love; also, in order to invoke their intercession, not that they can assist us by any power inherent in themselves, but by their prayers which, in consequence of their purity and perfect state in heaven, are much more efficacious than ours; lastly, to place before us their eminent virtues, which, having been practised in every condition in life, prove to us that we also may observe the maxims of the gospel, and that to secure for ourselves a share in their happiness, we must imitate their holy example.

Jan. 25.—Conversion of St. Paul.—This feast was instituted by the Church to perpetuate the memory of his miraculous conversion, which happened on this day, in the 35th year of Christ, as he was going with letters from Jerusalem to Damascus, to persecute the Christians, when suddenly a voice from heaven called him, and of a persecutor rendered him an apostle. (*Acts xi.*)

Feb. 2.—Candlemas-Day, or the Purification of the B Virgin, (a feast of devotion;) that is, all who can, would do well to hear Mass; but the precept of obligation in this country is dispensed with. It is in memory and honor both of the presentation of our blessed Lord, and the purification of the Virgin Mary in the temple of Jerusalem the fortieth day after her happy delivery, according to the law of Moses (*Lev. xii.*), and is called *purification*, from the Latin word *purifico*, which signifies to *purify*; not that the Blessed Virgin had contracted any sin by her childbirth which needed purifying, being the mother of purity itself, but because other women were, by this ceremonious rite, freed from the legal impurity of childbirth, to which, out of her great humility, she submitted. It is called *Candlemas*, because, before mass is said, the Church blesses her candles for the whole year, and makes a procession with them in the hands of the faithful, in memory of Christ, whom, on occasion of his presentation in the temple, the aged Simeon styled a *light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of his people Israel.* Luke ii. 32.

Feb. 24.—St. Matthias, (a feast of devotion,) chosen by the college of apostles to supply the place of Judas the traitor: he was crowned with martyrdom in Jewry, in the year 74.

March 17.—St. Patrick, (a feast of devotion,) son of Calphurnius, born, according to the most probable opinion, in Aremorica, or Brittany, was sent in company of Palladius, by Pope Celestin, anno 431, to preach the gospel to the Irish, which nation he converted, and became their apostle; he died full of sanctity and miracles, anno 461.

March 19.—St. Joseph, (a feast of devotion,) spouse of our Blessed Lady; he died in Judea about the 17th year of Jesus Christ.

March 25.—ANNUNCIATION. (a festival of obligation.) The Annunciation is both a feast of Jesus Christ and of his only mother, because; was on this day that the Word was

made dead, and Mary became the mother of God. To remind us of this mystery, which should excite our most fervent gratitude, the Church exhorts us to recite the *Angelus* three times every day, and calls our attention to it by the sound of the bell. In saying this prayer, we should endeavor also to secure to ourselves the protection of the Blessed Virgin, repeating with all possible devotion the salutation of the angel, hail full of grace, &c

April 25.—*St. Mark* evangelist, (a feast of devotion,) was disciple and interpreter to St. Peter, who, writing his gospel at the request of the Christians at Rome, took it with him into Egypt, where, first preaching at Alexandria, he founded that church, and afterwards, being apprehended for the faith of Christ, was bound with cords, dragged upon stones, and shut up in a close prison, where he was comforted by an angelic vision, and an apparition of our Lord. Finally, he was called to heaven, in the eighth year of Nero. On this day the long litanies are said, and abstinence from flesh is observed, to obtain a blessing on the fruits of the earth.

May 1.—*SS. Philip and James*, apostles, (a feast of devotion.) After the first had converted almost all Scythia to the faith of Christ, being fastened to a cross, he was stoned to death, making a glorious end at Hierapolis in Asia, anno 54. The second, called our Lord's brother, was the first Bishop of Jerusalem, where, being thrown from a pinnacle of the temple, his thighs broken, and wounded in the head with a fuller's club, he gave up the ghost, and was buried near the temple, anno 63.

May 3.—*Finding the Holy Cross*, otherwise called *Holy Rood-Day*, a feast in memory of the miraculous finding of the holy cross, whereon our blessed Saviour suffered, by St. Helen, mother of Constantine the Great, anno 326, after it had been hid by the infidels 180 years, who had erected a statue of Venus in place of it.

June 11.—*St. Barnaby*, (a feast of devotion,) born in Cyprus and ordained apostle of the Gentiles by St. Paul, travelled with him into many provinces, exercising the function of preaching the gospel committed to him; and lastly, going into Cyprus, there adorned his apostleship with a glorious crown of martyrdom, anno 50, whose body, himself revealing it, was found in the time of Zeno the emperor, with St. Matthew's gospel in his own handwriting.

June 24.—Nativity of St. John Baptist, (a feast of devotion,) our Lord's precursor, son of Zachary and Elizabeth, who, being yet in his mother's womb, was replenished with the Holy Ghost.

June 29.—St. Peter and St. Paul, (a feast of devotion.) They are joined in one solemnity, because they were principal co-operators under Christ in the conversion of the world, the first converting the Jews, the other the Gentiles, and were both martyred at the same place, Rome, and on the same day.

July 2.—Visitation.—On this festival we commemorate the wonders wrought through Mary in her visit to her cousin St. Elizabeth, when, at the very sound of her voice, St. John was sanctified in his mother's womb, and received the use of reason to know and adore his Redeemer. St. Elizabeth was likewise filled with the Holy Ghost, and received the gift of prophecy. The grace we should implore on this day is a visit from Jesus and Mary to our souls.

July 25.—St. James the Great, (a feast of devotion,) brother to St. John the evangelist, was about the feast of Easter beheaded at Jerusalem by Herod Agrippa, anno 42. His relics were on this day translated to Compostella in Spain, where they were had in great veneration, people resorting thither from all parts of Christendom to pay their pious devotions, and fulfil their vows.

Friday before Palm-Sunday.—Compassion of the Blessed Virgin.—The object of this feast is to honor the unutterable affliction which desolated the soul of Mary at the foot of the cross. The devout Christian should sympathize with her at the sufferings of Jesus Christ, and beg, through her intercession, a sincere and heartfelt sorrow for his sins, and an ardent love for his divine Saviour, who endured so much pain and ignominy to expiate them.

August 15.—Assumption.—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is the greatest of all her feasts. On this day we honor her happy death, which, after that of her divine Son, was, above all, the most holy and the most precious in the sight of the Lord. We also commemorate her glorious assumption into heaven, where she is elevated above angels and archangels, with a special claim to our homages, and ardently desires to promote our real interests.

August 24.—St. Bartholomew, apostle, (a feast of devo-

tion,) who, having preached the gospel in India, and passing thence into the greater Armenia, after he had converted innumerable people to the faith, was barbarously flayed alive by command of King Astirages; and then beheaded, anno 44.

Sept. 8.—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, (a feast of devotion,) is in memory of her happy and glorious birth, by whom the Author of all life and safety was born to the world. We should beg of her to preserve in us by her prayers what she has obtained for us from heaven.

Sept. 21.—St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist, (a feast of devotion,) who, preaching the gospel in Ethiopia, was slain at the altar as he celebrated the divine mysteries, anno, 44.

Sept. 29.—St. Michael Archangel, or *Michaelmas-Day*, (a feast of devotion,) signifies a solemnity or solemn mass, in honor of him, and all the nine orders of angels: as also to commend the whole Church of God to their patronage and prayers, by whose charitable ministry we have received of God the original source, so many benefits. And it is called the dedication of St. Michael, from the dedicating a church to him, in Rome, by Pope Boniface III., anno 606.

Oct. 18.—St. Luke, evangelist, who, after he had endured many afflictions for the name of Christ, filled with the Holy Ghost, died in Bithynia, in the year of our Lord 74, whose sacred bones were brought to Constantinople, and thence translated to Padua.

Oct. 28.—SS. Simon and Jude, otherwise called Thaddeus, (a feast of devotion;) the first preached the gospel in Egypt, the other in Mesopotamia; and afterwards going together into Persia, after having converted an infinite multitude of that nation to the faith, they accomplished their martyrdom in the year 68.

Nov. 1.—FEAST OF ALL SAINTS.—The Church has instituted a single feast in memory of all the Saints, to obtain abundant mercy from God, by employing a great multitude of intercessors; to exhibit that union which exists between the Saints on earth, and those who are in heaven, and to show that we are called to a holy life; because there being among the Saints persons of all ages, of all sexes, and of all conditions, no one can find a pretext for not becoming solidly virtuous.

Nov. 2.—Commemoration of All Souls.—To pray for the

dead is a pious duty which the Church authorizes and which she has always religiously practised. Her intention on this day is, that the faithful should offer up their prayers to God for the repose and happiness of all their departed brethren; that their supplications should be accompanied with alms-deeds, mortification, and other works of satisfaction, which will make them more efficacious; and lastly, that they reflect upon their own exit from the world, which will induce them to be more careful in avoiding sin and performing the duties of a Christian life.

Nov. 30.—St. Andrew, apostle, (a feast of devotion,) who preached the gospel in Thrace and Scythia; but, apprehended by Egeas the proconsul, was first imprisoned, then most cruelly beaten, and lastly fastened to a cross, whereon he lived two days, preaching to the people; and having besought our Lord not to permit him to be taken down, encompassed with a great light from heaven, he gave up his blessed soul at Patras, in Achaia, anno 69.

Dec. 8.—Conception of the B. Virgin.—This feast is celebrated in memory of the inestimable privilege granted to the mother of God, of being conceived in original justice, and exempted from all sin. On this day we should ask her to obtain for us the grace of perfect purity of soul and body.

Dec. 21.—St. Thomas, apostle, (a feast of devotion,) who having preached the gospel to the Parthians, Medes, Persians, and Hyrcanians, went into India, where he instructed that people in the Christian faith, for which he was thrust through the body with lances, and gave up his blessed soul at Calamina, anno 44.

Dec. 25.—THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, (a solemn feast of obligation,) yearly celebrated by the Catholic Church, even from the apostles' time, in memory of our Saviour's birth at Bethlehem; and is called Christmas, from the mass celebrated on that day in honor of his holy birth. We should all partake on this day of the holy joy which the angels announced to the shepherds on that occasion, and which consists in giving glory to God for so incomparable a favor, and enjoying the peace brought to men of good will, to those who learn from their infant Saviour how to sanctify their souls, and secure to themselves the blessings of redemption.

Dec. 26.—St. Stephen, (a feast of devotion,) the first mar

tyr after Christ's ascension, was stoned to death by the Jews, anno 34.

Dec. 27.—St. John, apostle and evangelist, (a feast of devotion,) who, after writing his gospel, his banishment, and receiving the revelations, lived to the time of Trajan the emperor, and both founded and governed the churches of Asia. Finally, worn out with old age, he died at Ephesus, aged 93, anno 68, and was buried near the same city.

Dec. 28.—Holy Innocents, (a feast of devotion,) in memory of the babes slain by Herod, when he sought our blessed Saviour; and is called Childermass, from the particular commemoration of those martyred children in the mass of that day.

A Summary OF CHRISTIAN FAITH AND PRACTICE.

I. *What every Christian must believe.*

1. EVERY Christian must believe that there is one God, and no more than one God : that this God is a pure Spirit, the Lord and Maker of heaven and earth, who has neither beginning nor end, but is always the same; is everywhere present; knows and sees all things; can do all things whatsoever he pleases; and is infinite in all perfections.

2. Every Christian is bound to believe that in this one God there are three several Persons, perfectly equal, and of the same substance: the Father, who proceeds from none; the Son, who is born of the Father before all ages; and the Holy Ghost, who proceeds eternally from the Father and the Son; and that these three Persons are all equally eternal, equal in wisdom and power, and are all three one and the same Lord, one and the same God.

3. We must all believe that this God created the angels to be with him forever, and that one part of them fell from God by sin, and became devils: that God also created Adam

and Eve, the first parents of all mankind, and placed them in the earthly paradise, from whence they were justly banished for the sin they committed in eating of the fruit of the forbidden tree ; and that by this transgression of Adam we are all born in sin, and must have been lost forever, if God had not sent us a Saviour.

4. We are bound to believe in this Saviour of all mankind, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, true God, and true man ; perfect God from all eternity, equal to his Father in all things ; and perfect man, from the time of his coming down from heaven for us, having a body and soul like us.

5. We must believe that this Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who had been long foretold by the prophets, was, at God's appointed time, conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary, by the power of the Holy Ghost, without having any man for his father, and was born of her, she still remaining a pure virgin : that, during the time of his mortal life, he founded the Christian religion by his heavenly doctrine and wonderful miracles, and then offered himself a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, by dying upon a cross, to purchase mercy, grace, and salvation, for us ; and that neither mercy, nor grace, nor salvation, either can, or ever could, since Adam's fall, be obtained any otherwise than through this death and passion of the Son of God.

6. We must believe that Jesus Christ, after he had been dead and buried for part of three days, rose again on the third day from death to life, never to die any more ; and that, for the space of forty days, he was pleased, at different times, to manifest himself to his disciples, and then ascended into heaven in their sight ; where, as man, he continually intercedes for us. From thence he sent down the Holy Ghost upon his disciples, to abide with them forever, as he had promised, and to guide them and their successors into all truth.

7. We must believe the Catholic or universal Church of Christ, of which he is the perpetual Head, and his Spirit the perpetual Director ; which is founded upon a rock, and is ever victorious over all the powers of death and hell. This Church is always one, by all its members professing one faith, in one communion, under one chief pastor, succeeding St. Peter, to whom Christ committed his whole flock ; St. John xxi. 15, 16, 17. This same Church is always

holy, by teaching a holy doctrine, by inviting all to a holy life, and by the eminent holiness of many of her children. She is Catholic, or universal, by subsisting in all ages, by teaching all nations, and maintaining all truth: she is apostolical, by deriving her doctrine, her communion, her orders, and her mission, by an uninterrupted succession, from the Apostles of Christ.

8. With this Catholic Church, the Scriptures, both of the Old and New Testament, were deposited by the Apostles; she is, in her pastors, the guardian and interpreter of them, and the judge of all controversies relating to them. These Scriptures, thus interpreted, together with the traditions of the Apostles, are to be received and admitted by all Christians for the rule of their faith and practice.

9. We must believe that Jesus Christ has instituted in his Church seven sacraments, or mysterious signs and instrumental causes of divine grace in our souls. Baptism, by way of a new birth, by which we are made children of God, and washed from sin. Confirmation, by which we receive the Holy Ghost, by the imposition of the hands of the successors of the Apostles; Acts viii. The blessed Eucharist, which feeds and nourishes our souls with the body and blood of Christ, really present under the forms of bread and wine, or under either of them. Penance, by which penitent sinners are absolved from their sins, by virtue of the commission given by Christ to his ministers; St. John xx., and St. Matt. xviii. Extreme Unction, which wipes away the remains of sin, and arms the soul with the grace of God in the time of sickness; St. James v. Holy Orders, by which the ministers of God are consecrated. And Matrimony, which, as a sacred sign of the indissoluble union of Christ and his Church, unites the married couple in a holy band, and imparts a grace to them suitable to that state; Eph. v.

10. We must believe that Jesus Christ has also instituted the great Eucharistic Sacrifice of his body and blood in remembrance of his death and passion. In this sacrifice he is mystically immolated every day upon our altars, being himself both priest and victim. This sacrifice is the principal worship of the new law, in which, and by which, we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, and with him and through him we adore God in spirit and truth, give him thanks for

all his blessings, obtain his grace for ourselves and the whole world, and pardon for all our sins, and those of the living and the dead.

11. We must believe that there is, in the Catholic or universal Church of God, a communion of saints, by means of which we communicate with all holy ones and in all holy things. We communicate with the saints in heaven, as our fellow-members under the same head, Christ Jesus; we give thanks to God for his gifts to them, and we beg a share in their prayers. We communicate with all the saints upon earth in the same sacraments and sacrifice, and in a holy union of faith and charity. And we communicate with the faithful, who have departed this life in a more imperfect state, and who, by the law of God's justice, are for a while in a place of suffering, by offering prayers and alms and sacrifice to God for them.

12. We must believe also the necessity of divine grace, without which we cannot make so much as one step towards heaven; and that all our good and all our merits are the gift of God; that Christ died for all men; that God is not the author of sin; and that his grace does not take away our free will.

13. We must believe that Jesus Christ will come from heaven at the last day to judge us all; that all the dead both good and bad, shall rise from their graves at the sound of the last trumpet, and shall be judged by him according to their works; that the good shall go to heaven with him, body and soul, to be happy for all eternity in the enjoyment of the Sovereign Good; and that the wicked shall be condemned, both body and soul, to the torments of hell, which are most grievous and everlasting.

II. *What every Christian must do*

1 **EVERY** Christian, in order to life everlasting, must worship God as his first beginning and last end. This worship is to be performed, first, by faith, which makes both the understanding and the will humbly adore and embrace all those truths which God has taught, however obscure and incomprehensible they may be to our weakness. 2dly, By hope, which honors the infinite power, goodness, and mercy of God, and the truth of his promises; and, upon

these grounds, raises the soul to an assured expectation of mercy, grace, and salvation, through the merits of Jesus Christ. 3dly, By charity, which teaches us to love God with our whole hearts, for his own sake, and our neighbors as ourselves, for God's sake. 4thly, By the virtue of religion, the chief acts of which, are adoration, praise, thanksgiving, oblation of ourselves to God, sacrifice, and prayer, which ought to be the daily employments of a Christian soul.

2. We must fly all idolatry, all false religions and superstition; under which name are comprehended all manner of divinations or pretensions to fortune-telling; all witchcraft, charms, spells, observations of omens, dreams, &c. All these things are heathenish, and contrary to the worship of the true and living God, and to that dependence a Christian soul ought to have on him.

3. We must reverence the name of God and his truth by a religious observance of all lawful oaths and vows, and by carefully avoiding all false, rash, unjust, or blasphemous oaths and curses.

4. We must dedicate some notable part of our time to his divine service; and, more especially, consecrate to him those days that he has ordered to be sanctified or kept holy.

5. Under God, we must love, reverence, and obey our parents and other lawful superiors, spiritual and temporal, and observe the laws of the Church and State; as also, we must have a due care of our children, and of others that are under our charge, both as to their souls and bodies.

6. We must abstain from all injuries to our neighbor's person, by murder or any other violence; and from all hatred, envy, and desire of revenge; as also from spiritual murder, which is committed by drawing him into sin, by words, actions, or ill example.

7. We must abstain from adultery, and from all uncleanness of thoughts, words, and actions, beyond the lawful use of the marriage-bed.

8. We must not steal, cheat, or any other way wrong our neighbor in his goods and possessions; we must give every one his own, pay our debts, and make restitution for all unjust damages which we have caused.

9. We must not wrong our neighbor in his character of

good name, by detraction or rash judgment; or in his honor by reproaches and affronts; or rob him of the peace of his mind, by scoffs and contempt; or of his friends, by carrying stories backwards and forwards. In all which cases, whosoever wrongs his neighbor is obliged to make restitution or satisfaction.

10. As we are commanded to abstain from all deeds of lust and injustice, so are we also strictly obliged to restrain all desires in these kinds, and to resist the irregular motions of concupiscence. So far the Ten Commandments; which are a short abridgment of the whole eternal and natural law which admits of no dispensation.

Pater noster.

PATER noster, qui es in cœlia. Sanctificetur nomen tuum. Adveniat regnum tuum. Fiat voluntas tua, sicut in cœlo et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie. Et dimitte nobis debita nostra, sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem. Sed libera nos a malo. Amen.

OUR Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Ave Maria.

Ave, Maria, gratia plena; Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostræ Amen.

Hail, Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Credo in Deum.

CREDO in Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, Creatorem cœli et terræ. Et in Jesum Christum, Filium ejus unicum, Dominum nostrum; qui conceptus est de Spiritu Sancto, natus ex Maria Virgine, passus sub Pontio Pilato, crucifixus, mortuus, et sepultus; descendit ad inferos; tertia die resurrexit a mortuis; ascendit ad cœlos, sedet ad dexteram Dei Patris omnipotentis; inde venturus est judicare vivos et mortuos. Credo in Spiritum Sanctum, sanctam Ecclesiam Catholicam, Sanctorum communionem, remissionem peccatorum, carnis resurrectionem, vitam æternam. Amen.

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Confiteor.

R. CONFITEOR Deo omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ semper Virgini, beato Michaeli Archangelo, beato Joanni Baptistæ, sanctis Apostolis Petro et Paulo, omnibus sanctis, et tibi, Pater, quia peccavi nimis, cogitatione, verbo, et opere, meâ culpâ, meâ culpâ, meâ maximâ culpâ. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, beatum Michaellem Archangelum, beatum Joannem Baptistam, sanctos Apostolos

R. I CONFESS to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul to all the saints and to you, Father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the

Salve Petrum et Paulum, omnes sanctos, et te, Pater, orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

P Misereatur vestri omnipotens Deus, et, dimissis peccatis vestris, perducatur vos ad vitam æternam.

R. Amen.

P. Indulgentiam, absolutionem, et remissionem peccatorum nostrorum, tribuat nobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus.

R. Amen.

Archangel, blessed John Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, and you, Father, to pray to our Lord God for me.

P. May Almighty God be merciful unto you, and, forgiving you your sins, bring you to life everlasting.

R. Amen.

P. May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins.

R. Amen.

Gloria Patri.

GLORIA Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Salve Regina.

SALVE, Regina, Mater misericordiæ;

Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.

Ad te clamamus, exules Aſii Hevæ;

Ad te suspiramus, gementes et fletus in hac lacrymarum valle.

Eia ergo, Advocata nostra.

Illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte;

Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui.

HAIL, holy Queen, Mother of mercy;

Our life, our sweetness, and our hope, all hail.

To thee we cry, poor banished sons of Eve;

To thee we sigh, weeping and mourning in this vale of tears.

Therefore, O our Advocate,

Turn thou on us those merciful eyes of thine;

And after this our exile, show us

Nobis post hoc exilium ostende,

O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genetrix.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

The blessed fruit of womb, Jesus,

O merciful, O kind, O Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O Mother of God.

R. That we may be worthy of the promise Christ.

Memorare.

MEMORARE, O piissima Virgo Maria, non esse auditum a sæculo, quemquam ad tuam currentem præsidia, tua implorantem auxilia, tua petentem suffragia, esse derelictum. Ego, tali animatus confidentia, ad te, Virgo virginum, Mater, curro. Ad te venio; coram te gemens peccator assisto. Noli, Mater Verbi, verba mea despiciere, sed audi propitia et exaudi. Amen.

*** Here you may make your request.**

REMEMBER, O most precious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that any who fled to thy protection implored thy help, and sought thy intercession, was left aided. Inspired with confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.* O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Instructions and Devotions for Morning.

As soon as you awake, make the sign ✠ of the cross, saying:

Glory be to the Father, who hath created me.

Glory be to the Son, who hath redeemed me.

Glory be to the Holy Ghost, who hath sanctified me.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity now and forever. Amen.

On rising from your bed, say,

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I arise. May he bless, preserve, and govern me, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

While you are dressing, occupy yourself with pious thoughts and meditations, on some point in the life or passion of your Saviour, on God's mercies, on your own sins, on the temptations of the world, on the shortness of life, on eternity, &c.; or say some psalm or hymn.

As soon as you are dressed, prepare to say your morning prayers. There is no duty of greater importance than this; none has greater influence upon our lives. According as it is well or ill performed will be the character of the day; and our life is made up of days. Before you begin your prayers, therefore, recollect yourself, and compose your land. Think who you are, and what He is whom you are about to address; and endeavor to clothe your self with those sentiments of humility, reverence, and awe which become you on such an occasion, and at such a time. Then kneeling down in the quietest and most retired spot you can find, if possible in some room or part of the room devoted to the purpose, begin your prayers.

Our prayers and devotions must consist of acts of adoration, praise, and thanksgiving to God for his mercies, of confession of our sins, resolution of amendment, oblation of

ourselves to God's service, prayers for pardon and grace, and prayers in behalf of others, &c.

All forms of prayer are composed, more or less, of these parts, though not always in the same order. Each person is at liberty to please himself both as to the form and arrangement of his prayers. Some forms are useful if not necessary for all. We shall give several of those forms which have been most approved, and are most used, to suit the different tastes of different minds, and to afford to all the advantages of occasional variety. A greater variety may be gained by adding at choice one or more of the "Occasional Prayers."

Morning Prayer.

Make the sign of the cross; saying,

In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity now and forever. Amen.

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of thy love.

Send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be created, and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

O God, who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of thy Holy Spirit; grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his consolation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1. *An Act of Faith in the Presence of God.*

O my God! I firmly believe that thou art here present, and perfectly seest me, and observest all my actions, all my thoughts, and the most secret motions of my heart. I acknowledge that I am

not worthy to come into thy presence, nor to lift up my eyes unto thee, because I have so often sinned against thee. But thy goodness and mercy invite me to come unto thee. Assist me, therefore, with thy Holy Spirit, and teach me to pray to thee as I ought.

Our Father, &c. Hail, Mary, &c. I believe, &c.

2. *An Act of Adoration and Thanksgiving.*

O eternal God! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; the beginning and end of all things; in whom we live, and move, and have our being: prostrate before thee in body and soul, I adore thee with the most profound humility. I praise and bless thee, and give thee thanks for all the benefits which thou hast conferred upon me; that thou hast created me out of nothing, made me after thine own image and likeness, redeemed me with the precious blood of thy Son, and sanctified me with thy Holy Spirit. I thank thee that thou hast called me into thy Church, assisted me by thy grace, so often admitted me to thy sacraments, borne with my ingratitude so long, watched over me by thy special providence; blessed me, notwithstanding my sins and utter unworthiness, with the continuance of thy gracious protection; and for all the innumerable blessings which I owe to thy undeserved bounty. Particularly this morning, I thank thee for having preserved me during the night past, and for bringing me in safety to the beginning of another day. O my God, how good art thou unto me! What return can I make unto thee for all that thou hast done unto me? I will bless thy holy name, and serve thee truly all the days of my life. Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and let all that is within me praise his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all that he hath done for thee.

Here call to mind the chief sins of your past life, and make resolutions against the temptations and dangerous occasions you may probably meet with this day

3 *An Act of Contrition, with good Resolutions.*

O my God, how little have I served thee in time past! how greatly have I sinned against thee! I acknowledge my iniquity, and my sin is always before me. But I repent, O Lord, I repent. I am heartily sorry that I have lost that time in offending thee which thou gavest me to be employed in thy service, in advancing the good of my own soul, and obtaining everlasting life. I detest all the sins which I have committed against thy divine Majesty, and I resolve never to commit them any more. I am sorry, above all things, that I have offended thee, because thou art infinitely good, and sin is infinitely displeasing to thee. I love thee with my whole heart,—at least I desire so to do; and I firmly purpose, by the help of thy grace, to serve thee more faithfully for the time to come.

Receive, I beseech thee, the offering I now make to thee of the remainder of my life. I renew the vows and promises made in my baptism. I renounce the devil, and all his works; the world, and all its pomps. I now begin, and will endeavor to spend this day according to thy holy will, performing all my actions so that they may be pleasing unto thee. I will take particular care to avoid the failings I am so apt to commit, and to exercise the

virtues most agreeable to my state and employment.

4. *An Oblation.*

I offer to thee, O my God, the life and death of thy only Son; and with them these my affections and resolutions, my thoughts, words, deeds, and sufferings of this day, and of all my life, in honor of thy adorable Majesty; in thanksgiving for all thy benefits, in satisfaction for my sins, and to obtain the assistance of thy grace; that, persevering to the end in doing thy holy will, I may love and enjoy thee forever in thy glory.

5. *A Petition.*

Thou knowest, O God, how weak and unable I am to do good. Leave me not to myself, but take me under thy protection, and give me grace faithfully to comply with these holy resolutions. Enlighten my understanding with a lively faith, raise up my will to a firm hope, and inflame it with an ardent charity. Strengthen my weakness, and cure the corruption of my heart; grant that, overcoming my enemies, both visible and invisible, I may make good use of thy grace;—and vouchsafe to add to these blessings the inestimable gift of final perseverance.

V. Unto thee, O Lord, I have lifted up my voice.

R. And early in the morning my prayer shall come before thee.

V. Let my mouth be ever filled with thy praises.

R. That I may sing of thy glory, and all the day long of thy greatness.

V. Turn away thy face, O Lord, from my sins.

- R.* And blot out all my iniquities.
V. Create in me a clean heart, O God.
R. And renew a right spirit within me.
V. Cast me not away from thy presence.
R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
V. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation.
R. And strengthen me with a perfect spirit.
V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day,
R. To keep us without sin.
V. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.
R. Have mercy upon us.
V. Let thy mercy be upon us, O Lord.
R. As we have put our trust in thee.
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto thee.

A Collect.

O Lord God Almighty, who hast safely brought me to the beginning of this day, defend me in the same by thy mighty power; that this day I may fall into no sin, but that my words may always proceed, and my thoughts and actions be directed, to the performance of thy justice, through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, forever and ever. Amen.

O Lord God, King of heaven and earth, vouchsafe this day to direct and sanctify, to rule and govern, our hearts and bodies, our thoughts, words, and deeds, in thy law, and in the works of thy commandments; that henceforth and forever, O Saviour of the world, we may be protected and saved,

through thy mighty help, who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

O God, who, out of thy unspeakable providence, art pleased to appoint thy holy angels for our guardians; give ear to the supplications which we make for a continuance of their protection, and that we may be added to their joyful number for all eternity. Amen.

May the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and all the saints, be our intercessors with the Lord, that we may be succored and secured by him who liveth and reigneth to everlasting ages. Amen.

May our Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and bring us to life everlasting; and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

A SECOND FORM OF MORNING PRAYER.

✠ In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, crucified, I arise; bless me, O Lord; govern me, protect me, and confirm me in all good works, this day and forever; and after this short and miserable pilgrimage, bring me to everlasting happiness. Amen.

O God the Father, who saidst in the beginning, Let there be light, and it was made; enlighten my eyes, that I may never sleep in sin, lest at any time the deceits of the enemy, or my own corruption, should prevail against me.

O God the Son, most beautiful and true light, shining in darkness, and enlightening every one that comes into this world; dispel all clouds of ignorance,

and give me a right understanding, that in thee, and through thee, I may see and know the Father : whom to know is to live ; and to serve, is to reign forever.

O God the Holy Ghost, who inflamest the wills of all those in whom thou vouchsafest to dwell with heavenly affection ; pour into my mind the gifts of holy charity, that, despising all vain and transitory things, I may, with a continual desire, long for the true and everlasting joys of thy heavenly kingdom.

O holy Trinity, one God, defend me this day from the deceits and temptations of the devil, keep me from all sin, and preserve me from sudden and unprovided death. Raise up, O God, my body from sleep and drowsiness, and my soul from sin, that I may praise and glorify thy holy name, to whom belongs all benediction, and honor, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen.

In the name of the Father, &c.

Blessed be the holy and undivided, &c.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. I believe, &c.

I confess to Almighty God, to the blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the saints, that I have sinned exceedingly, in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May Almighty God have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

**May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant me
✠ pardon, absolution and remission of all my sins.
Amen.**

**O Lord God Almighty, who hast safely brought
me to the beginning of this day, defend me in the
same by thy mighty power; that this day I may
fall into no sin, but that my words may always pro-
ceed, and my thoughts and actions be directed, to
the performance of thy justice, through our Lord
Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with
thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, forever
and ever. Amen.**

**O most sweet Saviour Jesus Christ, open thou
my heart and lips, to praise and glorify thy holy
name, which is blessed above all names; purify my
soul from all evil and perverse thoughts, that my
mind may continually meditate on thee, my lips
bless thee, and my life glorify thee. And because,
through thy goodness alone, I have been created,
to the praise and glory of thy holy name, grant, I
beseech thee, that I may faithfully serve thee here,
and eternally rejoice with thee hereafter; who, with
the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest,
one God, world without end. Amen.**

**Almighty God, who, dwelling in the highest
heavens, vouchsafest to regard the lowest creature
on earth; I humbly adore thy sacred Majesty, and
with all the powers of my soul exalt and praise thy
name for the infinite blessings thou hast so freely
bestowed on me; for electing me in thy love, and
creating me in thy own image; for redeeming me
by thy Son, and sanctifying me with thy Holy Spirit;**

for preserving me in all the chances and accidents of this life, and raising up my thoughts to the hope of a better ; and particularly this morning, that thou hast protected me from the dangers of the night, and hast brought me safely to the beginning of this day. Continue, O Lord, thy mercy to me ; and as thou hast awakened my body from sleep, so raise my soul from sin, that I may walk soberly and chastely, as in the day, in all holy obedience before thy face.

Deliver me, O merciful God, from the evils of this day, and guide my feet in the way of peace, strengthen my resolution to embrace with gladness all opportunities of doing good, and carefully to avoid all occasions of sin, especially those which I have found, by experience, to be most dangerous to my soul ; and when, through frailty, I forget thee, do thou, in thy mercy, remember me ; that as I often fall by the evil propensity of my nature, I may always rise again by the assistance of thy grace. Make me diligent in the duties of my calling and station, and not too solicitous about the things of this life ; but in all the miseries and crosses of the world, absolutely to submit to thy divine pleasure, and wholly to rely on thy merciful providence. Let thy blessings be upon my actions, and thy grace direct my intentions ; that the whole course of my life, and the principal design of my heart, may always tend to the advancement of thy glory, the good of others, and the eternal salvation of my own soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Give me grace, O Lord, to do what thou commandest, and command what thou pleasest.

Give me grace to suffer what thou permittest, and permit what thou pleasest.

O holiest Virgin, Mother of my God, and my especial Patroness! show thyself my mother, and take me under thy protection this day.

Angel of God, who art my guardian, enlighten, guard, direct, and govern me, who have been committed to thee by the supernal clemency. Amen.

And ye, O holy saints (N. N.), my chosen and beloved patrons, intercede for me to God, that, by the guidance of his grace, I may love, and rejoice, and praise him here; and hereafter, with you, behold his face for all eternity. Amen.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon me, and dwell in my heart forever. Amen.

A THIRD FORM OF MORNING PRAYER.

1. *An Act of Adoration.*

O almighty and everlasting God, Lord of heaven and earth, behold I, a poor worm of the earth, and a most miserable sinner, presume to appear before thee, and speak to thee, the Holy of Holies, and the sovereign Maker of all things. Oh, cast me not away from thy face, how unworthy soever; but assist me now by thy divine grace, and teach me to pray to thee as I ought.

And first,—acknowledging myself thy creature, and the work of thy hands, and confessing my total

dependence on thee,—I desire to praise and glorify thee, and to pay thee the best homage I am able, in union with that which is paid to thee by all that fear thee and love thee upon earth, and by all the blessed angels and saints in heaven, and by thy Son my Saviour Jesus Christ in his humanity. I adore thy sovereign Majesty, prostrate in soul and body before thee. I offer up myself, and all that I have or am, to thee as to my first beginning; and I aspire to thee as my last end, with whom I hope to live forever.

2. *An Act of Thanksgiving.*

I give thee thanks, from the bottom of my heart, for all thy benefits; for having thought of me from all eternity; for having made me out of nothing, reserved me from innumerable evils, borne with me so long in my sins, when there was but a hair's-breadth betwixt my soul and hell; redeemed me by the death and passion of thy only Son; called me to the true Church, in preference to millions of others; so often admitted me to thy sacraments; favored me with thy graces and inspirations; watched over me night and day; appointed thy angels to guard me, and prepared a happy eternity for me. I thank thee especially this morning for having preserved me in the past night, and brought me safely to the beginning of the day. For thee and all thy other blessings bestowed upon me, a most unworthy sinner, and upon thy whole Church, and every member thereof, whether triumphant in heaven, suffering in purgatory, or militant on earth, and especially those bestowed on our head, Jesus Christ; and for thy own great glory manifested in

the creation and redemption of the world, I give thee most humble and hearty thanks, in union with the thanksgiving of the same Lord Jesus Christ thy Son ; and of thy whole Church in heaven and earth.

3. *An Act of Contrition.*

What a wretched return have I hitherto made to thee, O my God, for all thy mercies and favors ! I have daily transgressed thy commandments in thought, word, and deed ; I have neglected thy gracious calls and inspirations, abused thy patience and long-suffering, and too often have crucified my Saviour by my offences. And now, O Lord, what shall I say, but that it grieves me to the bottom of my heart that I have so grievously offended thy infinite goodness. I acknowledge myself unworthy to lift up my eyes to heaven, or so much as to name thy holy name, after so many treasons against thy divine Majesty. The meanest place amongst thy servants is infinitely too good for me, who have deserved a thousand hells. But as thy mercy is greater than my iniquities, so I am encouraged to return to thee like the prodigal child. I detest all my sins, because they are detestable in thy sight ; I most humbly beg pardon for them all, through the death and passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour ; and I resolve, by thy grace, rather to die than to commit the like any more. Be thou my keeper, O Lord, for the time to come ; and give me a penitential spirit, that I may daily offer henceforward to thee the sacrifice of a contrite and humble heart. I desire, by thy grace, to make satisfaction for my sins by worthy fruits of penance ; and I willingly accept from thy hands whatever pains, crosses, or

sufferings I shall meet with during the remainder of my life, or at my death, as just punishments of my iniquities, begging that they may be united to the sufferings and death of my Redeemer, and sanctified by his passion, in which is all my hope for mercy, grace, and salvation.

4. *An Oblation.*

I desire to spend this day in thy divine service; and therefore I now offer up to thee all my thoughts, words, and actions, that they may be all consecrated to thee by a pure intention of thy greater glory, in union with that pure intention with which our Lord Jesus Christ performed all his actions in his mortal life. I beg that my whole soul, with all its powers, may be ever thine; that my memory may be always recollected in thee, that my understanding may always be enlightened by thy truth, and my will always inflamed by thy love.

5. *Resolutions and Petitions for Grace.*

I humbly beg thy grace, through the death and passion of Jesus Christ, that I may not fall into any sin this day, and especially that I may be preserved from those faults to which I am most subject. I resolve to renounce them, O my God, now and forever; and, to the best of my power, to fly all dangerous occasions, and to resist the first motion towards them. But of myself I can do nothing, and therefore my whole trust and confidence are in thy power, goodness, and mercy, and in the assistance of thy divine grace. Oh, look upon me, dear Lord, or, like another Judas, I shall betray thee this day. Oh, rather let me die than be so miserable.

Grant that I may serve thee this day in spirit and truth, by faith, hope, and love; give me prudence to direct my steps to thee, justice to regulate my conduct to my neighbors, fortitude to carry me safe through all difficulties and dangers, and temperance to restrain me from all unlawful pleasures and passions; teach me to be meek and humble of heart, and to deny myself, and to take up my cross and follow thee; and in all things to know and to do thy holy will.

6. *Intercession.*

Have mercy on the whole Church militant upon earth: exalt her by the gifts of thy grace to all her members; give her saints for her chief bishops and other prelates; propagate her faith throughout the whole world; extirpate all heresies, schisms, errors, and abuses; convert all poor sinners to thee; grant perseverance to all that are in thy grace, in whose prayers and good works I desire to be associated; let thy right hand assist and protect all the clergy and religious, and all apostolical missionaries throughout the world, that they may all faithfully promote thy cause, and shine like lights to the rest of the faithful. Have mercy on all Christian kings and princes, and on all magistrates and men in power, that they may all fear, love, and serve thee and reverence thy Church. Have mercy on this nation, and remove from us those scourges which our manifold sins have deserved, and bring back our wandering steps to the ways of peace and truth. Have mercy on my parents, relations, friends, and benefactors, and on all those for whom I am more particularly bound to pray, or who have desired me

prayers ; on my superiors ; on all those who are under my charge ; on all those whom I have injured, or to whom I have given scandal, by word, action, or bad example. Have mercy also upon my enemies ; forgive them their sins, and fill both their hearts and mine with thy charity. Comfort all those who are in affliction, sickness, or pain ; assist all that are in slavery or captivity ; defend all that are under temptation, and grant a happy passage to all that are in their agony ; grant to us all relief in our respective necessities, the remission of all our sins, the grace of final perseverance, and life everlasting. Remember also, O Lord, all the faithful departed that have slept in thy faith and in thy grace, and especially those whom I am more particularly bound or accustomed to pray for ; deliver them from all their pains, and grant them rest, light, and peace everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

7. Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

O blessed Virgin Mary, unspotted Mother of my God and Saviour Jesus Christ, be thou a mother to me, since thy adorable Son has been pleased to call us all his brethren, and to recommend us all to thee, in the person of his beloved disciple. Take me and mine under thy holy protection, and continually represent to the eternal Father, in our behalf, the merits of the death and passion of thy Son our Saviour.

8. Prayer to all Saints and Angels.

O all ye glorious angels and saints, and you in particular, my holy patrons, N. and N., happy citizens of the heavenly Sion, pray for us poor children

of Eve, to our common Lord, by the merits of our common Mediator, that we may ever love him and serve him here, till we come with you to love, praise, and enjoy him for all eternity.

9. Prayer to your Guardian Angel.

Angel of God, who art my guardian, enlighten, guard, direct, and govern me, who have been committed to thee by the supernal clemency. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

LITANY OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS.*

Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy.	
<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	<i>Lord have mercy.</i>	
Christe eleison.	Christ have mercy.	
<i>Christe eleison.</i>	<i>Christ have mercy.</i>	
Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy.	
<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	<i>Lord have mercy.</i>	
Christe audi nos.	Christ hear us.	
<i>Christe exaudi nos.</i>	<i>Christ graciously hear us.</i>	
Pater de cœlis Deus,	God the Father of heaven,	
Fili Redemptor mundi	God the Son, Redeemer	Have mercy on us.
Deus,	of the world,	
Spiritus Sancte Deus,	God the Holy Ghost,	
Sacra Trinitas, unus	Holy Trinity, one God,	
Deus,		
Jesu, Fili Dei vivi,	Jesus, Son of the living	Have mercy on us.
	God,	
Jesu, Splendor Patris,	Jesus, Splendor of the	
	Father,	

* This Litany is taken, word for word, from the latest editions of the *Paradisus Animæ* and the *Cœlestis Palmetum*, in which latter manual is declared to have been indulgerced by Pope Sextus V., July 11, 1587

Jesu, Candor lucis æternæ,
 Jesu, Rex gloriæ,
 Jesu, Sol justitiæ,
 Jesu, Fili Mariæ Virginis,
 Jesu, admirabilis,
 Jesu, Deus fortis,
 Jesu, Pater futuri sæculi,

Jesu, magni consilii Angeli,

Jesu, potentissimus,
 Jesu, patientissimus,
 Jesu, obedientissimus,
 Jesu, mitis et humilis corde,

Jesu, Amator castitatis,
 Jesu, Amor noster,
 Jesu, Deus pacis,
 Jesu, Auctor vitæ,
 Jesu, Exemplar virtutum,

Jesu, Zelator animarum,

Jesu, Deus noster,
 Jesu, Refugium nostrum,
 Jesu, Pater pauperum,

Jesu, Thesaurus fidelium,

Jesu, Bone Pastor,

Jesu, Lux vera,
 Jesu, Sapientia Æterna,

Jesu, Bonitas infinita,
 Jesu, Via et Vita nostra,

Jesu, Brightness of eternal light,

Jesu, King of glory,

Jesu, the Sun of justice,

Jesu, Son of the Virgin Mary,

Jesu, most admirable

Jesu, the mighty God

Jesu, the Father of the world to come,

Jesu, the Angel of great counsel,

Jesu, most powerful,

Jesu, most patient,

Jesu, most obedient,

Jesu, meek and humble of heart,

Jesu, Lover of chastity

Jesu, our Beloved,

Jesu, the God of peace

Jesu, the Author of life

Jesu, the example of all virtues,

Jesu, the zealous Lover of souls,

Jesu, our God,

Jesu, our Refuge,

Jesu, the Father of the poor,

Jesu, the Treasure of the faithful,

Jesu, the Good Shepherd,

Jesu, the true Light,

Jesu, the Eternal Wisdom,

Jesu, infinite Goodness,

Jesu, our Way and our Life.

Miserere nobis.

Jesu, Gaudium Angelorum,

Jesu, Magister Apostolorum,

Jesu, Doctor Evangelistarum,

Jesu, Fortitudo Martyrum,

Jesu, Lumen Confessorum,

Jesu, Puritas Virginum,

Jesu, Corona Sanctorum omnium,

Propitius esto.

Parce nobis, Jesu.

Propitius esto.

Exaudi nos, Jesu.

Ab omni peccato,

Ab ira tua,

Ab insidiis diaboli,

A spiritu fornicationis,

A morte perpetua,

A neglectu inspirationum tuarum,

Per mysterium sanctæ Incarnationis tuæ,

Per Nativitatem tuam,

Per Infantiam tuam,

Per divinissimam Vitam tuam,

Per Labores tuos,

Per Agoniam et Passionem tuam,

Per Crucem et Derelictionem tuam,

Jesus, the Joy of Angels.

Jesus, the Master of the Apostles,

Jesus, the Teacher of the Evangelists,

Jesus, the Strength of Martyrs,

Jesus, the Light of Confessors,

Jesus, the Purity of Virgins,

Jesus, the Crown of all Saints,

Be merciful.

Spare us, O Jesus.

Be merciful.

Graciously hear us, O Jesus.

From all sin,

From thy wrath,

From the snares of the devil,

From the spirit of fornication,

From everlasting death,

From neglect of thy inspirations,

Through the mystery of thy holy Incarnation,

Through thy Nativity,

Through thine Infancy,

Through thy most divine Life,

Through thy Labors,

Through thine Agony and Passion,

Through thy Cross and Dereliction.

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, deliver us.

Miserere nobis.

Libera nos, Jesu.

Per Languores tuos,

Per Mortem et Sepultu-
ram tuam,

Per Resurrectionem tu-
am,

Per Ascensionem tuam,

Per Gaudia tua,

Per Gloriam tuam,

Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-
cata mundi,

Parce nobis, Jesu.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-
cata mundi,

Exaudi nos, Jesu.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-
cata mundi,

Miserere nobis, Jesu.

Jesu, audi nos.

Jesu, exaudi nos.

V. Confitebimur tibi,
Deus.

R. Et invocabimus No-
men tuum.

Oremus.

Domine Jesu Christe, qui
existi, "Petite, et accipie-
tis; quærite, et invenietis;
pulsate, et aperietur vobis;"
quæsumus, da nobis peten-
tibus divinissimi tui amoris
affectum, ut te toto corde,
ore et opere diligamus, et a

Through thy Weariness
and Faintness,

Through thy Death and
Burial,

Through thy Resurrec-
tion,

Through thine Ascen-
sion,

Through thy Joys,

Through thy Glory,

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Spare us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Graciously hear us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Have mercy on us, O Jesus.

Jesus, hear us.

Jesus, graciously hear us.

V. We will praise thee,
O God.

R. And we will call upon
thy name.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who
hast said, "Ask, and ye shall
receive; seek, and ye shall
find; knock, and it shall be
opened unto you;" grant,
we beseech thee, to us who
ask the gift of thy divine
love, that we may love thee

tua nunquam laude cessemus.

Sancti Nominis tui timorem pariter et amorem fac nos habere perpetuum: quia nunquam tua gubernatione destituis, quos in soliditate tuæ dilectionis instituis. Qui vivis et regnas Deus in sæcula sæculorum. Amen

Deus, qui unigenitum Filium tuum constituisti humani generis Salvatorem, et Jesum vocari jussisti; concede propitius, ut cujus sanctum Nomen veneramur in terris, ejus quoque aspectu perfruamur in cœlis. Per eundem Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Vel,

Deus, qui gloriosissimum Nomen Domini nostri Jesu Christi, unigeniti Filii tui, posuisti fidelibus tuis summo caritatis affectu amabile, et malignis spiritibus tremendum atque terribile; concede propitius, ut omnes, qui hoc nomen Jesu devote venerantur in terris, sanctæ consolationis dulcedinem in præsentem percipiant, et in

with our whole heart, in word and work, and never cease from showing forth thy praise.

Grant that we may have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to direct and govern those whom thou instructest in thy true and solid love. Who livest and reignest, God, forever and ever. Amen.

O God, who hast appointed thine only-begotten Son the Saviour of mankind, and hast commanded that he should be called Jesus; mercifully grant, that we may enjoy in heaven the blessed vision of Him, whose holy Name we venerate upon earth. Through the same our Lord. Amen.

Or,

O God, who hast made the most glorious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, thine only-begotten Son, so lovely to thy faithful, that their hearts are ravished with delight, and so terrible to the spirits of evil, that they tremble before it; mercifully grant, that all who devoutly venerate this name Jesus on earth, may experience the

futuro gaudium exultationis, et interminabilis jubilationis obtineant in cœlis. Per eundem Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium unicum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

sweetness of a holy consolation in the present life, and attain unto joys unspeakable, and never-ending glory hereafter in heaven. Through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

A DEVOUT RECOMMENDATION,

Which may be used every Morning, or at any other time.

I ADORE and glorify thee, O blessed Trinity, God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; I offer myself to thy divine Majesty, humbly beseeching thee to take from me, and from all the faithful, whatever displeases thee, and to give us that which is grateful in thy sight. Grant that we may here do what thou commandest, and hereafter receive what thou promisest.

To thee, O Lord, I commend my soul and body [*my wife and children, my father and mother, my brothers and sisters*]; all my relations, benefactors, friends, and acquaintances; all who have injured or offended me; and all whom I have in any way scandalized, injured, or offended; all who have asked my prayers, or for whom I am accustomed or bound to pray; supply all their necessities. comfort and

support them in all their trials and afflictions, deliver them from all temptations, make them in this world truly to know, love, and serve thee, and to enjoy thee hereafter in heaven.

I pray also for thy holy Catholic Church ; for its chief Pastor, Pius IX., our Pope, that the spirit of wisdom, fortitude, and piety, may rest upon him ; for the Bishops [*especially N. our Bishop*], and for all the Pastors and Clergy of thy Church, that they may direct the faithful in the way of salvation ; for all religious orders of men and women (to whose prayers and good works I desire to be associated) ; and for all the faithful. I pray for all heretics, that they may be enlightened ; and for all poor sinners, that they may be converted ; and for the universal spread of truth and righteousness. I pray for this our country, that thou wouldst deliver us from all those evils which we most justly have deserved by our sins, and bring us back into the ways of truth, peace, and godliness. I pray for all who are in authority, that they may fear thee, and promote the good of thy Church ; for the poor, and all who are tempted or afflicted ; and for all who are in their last agony. Lastly, I commend all universally to thy divine protection, that thou mayest vouchsafe to the living forgiveness of their sins, and to the souls departed, rest and peace. Amen.

At going forth.

Show me, O Lord, thy ways, and teach me thy paths. Direct my steps according to thy word, that no injustice may rule over me. Make perfect my

walking in thy paths, that my footsteps may not be moved.

O divine wisdom, the eternal word of the Father, I humbly beseech thee, by thy grace, to purge my lips from all wicked and unprofitable words, that my mouth may never open but to thy praise and honor, and to the benefit of others.

On going into Church.

O Lord, in the multitude of thy mercies, I will enter into thy house, and worship thee in thy holy temple, and praise thy name.

At taking Holy Water.

Sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed; wash me, and I shall be made whiter than the snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

GRACE BEFORE MEAT.

V. Benedic, Domine,	V. Bless us, O Lord,
nos et hæc tua dona, quæ	and these thy gifts, which
de tua largitate sumus	of thy bounty we are
sumpturi; per Christum	about to receive; through
Dominum nostrum.	Christ our Lord. .

R Amen.

R. Amen.

GRACE AFTER MEAT.

Agimus tibi gratias, We give thee thanks,
omnipotens Deus, pro almighty God, for all thy

universis beneficiis tuis; benefits; who livest and
qui vivis et regnas in sæ- reignest. world without
cula sæculorum. Amen. end. Amen.

Retribuere dignere, Do- Vouchsafe, O Lord, to
mine, omnibus nobis bene render to all who do us
facientibus propter nomen good for thy name's sake
tuum, vitam æternam. life everlasting. Amen.
Amen

THE ANGELUS.

To be said Morning, Noon, and Night.

I. V. Angelus Domini I. The angel of the
nuntiavit Mariæ. Lord announced unto

R. Et concepit de Spi- Mary and she conceived
ritu Sancto. of the Holy Ghost.

Ave, Maria, gratia ple- Hail, Mary, full of
na, Dominus tecum; be- grace, the Lord is with
nedicta tu inter mulierib- thee; blessed art thou
us, et benedictus fruc- among women, and bless-
tus ventris tui, Jesus. ed is the fruit of thy
Sancta Maria, mater Dei, womb, Jesus. Holy Mary,
ora pro nobis peccatori- mother of God, pray for
bus, nunc et in hora mor- us sinners, now and at the
tis nostræ. Amen. hour of our death. Amen.

II. V. Ecce ancilla Do- II. Behold the hand
mini maid of the Lord; be it
E Fiat mihi secun- done unto me according
dum verbum tuum to thy word.

Ave, Maria, &c. Hail, Mary, &c.

III. V. Et Verbum III. And the Word
caro factum est. was made flesh and dwelt

R. Et habitavit in no- among us.
bia. Hail, Mary, &c.

Ave, Maria, &c.

Gratiam tuam, quæsumus, Domine, mentibus nostris infunde, ut qui, angelic nuntiante, Christi filii tui incarnationem cognovimus, per passionem ejus et crucem ad resurrectionis gloriam perducamur; per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Evening Prayers.

IN the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of thy love.

Send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be created, and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Our Father, &c.

Hail, Mary, &c.

I believe, &c.

1. *Place yourself in the Presence of God.*

O almighty and eternal God, whose majesty filleth heaven and earth, I firmly believe that thou art

here present ; that thy adorable eye is on me ; that thou seest and knowest all things, and art most intimately present in the very centre of my soul.

I desire to bow down all the powers of my soul to adore thee ; I desire to join my voice with all thy blessed angels and saints, to praise thee and glorify thee now and forever.

2. *Give Thanks.*

I give thee thanks, from the bottom of my heart, for all thy mercies and blessings bestowed upon me and upon thy whole Church ; and particularly for those I have received from thee this day, in thy watching over me, and preserving me from so many evils, and favoring me with so many graces and inspirations, &c. [*Here pause, and meditate on God's mercies.*] Oh, let me never more be ungrateful unto thee, my God, who art so good and gracious unto me.

3. *Ask for Light to discover your Sin.*

And now, dear Lord, add this one blessing to the rest : that I may clearly discover the sins which I have committed this day, by thought, word, and deed, or by any omission of any part of my duty to thee, to my neighbor, or to myself ; that no part of my guilt may be hidden from my own eyes, but that I may see my sins in their true color, and may detest them as they ought to be detested.

4. *Daily Examination.*

How have you performed your prayers, and other spiritual exercises ? Have you neglected them, or shortened them, or said them with hurry and indevotion ?

Have you endeavored to live as in God's presence this day and tried in all things to please him? Have you been guilty of murmuring or impatience under the will and appointments of God? Have you diligently performed all your ordinary duties, without sloth, carelessness, or procrastination?

Have you been guilty of any act or word contrary to truth, honesty, or purity?

Have you given way to any evil temper—pride, passion, vanity, envy, hatred, &c.? Have you spoken evil of any one, or unnecessarily of other persons' faults? Have you striven against your besetting sins? Have you carefully avoided all dangerous occasions of sin?

Are you endeavoring to make advances in the spiritual life,—in holiness, love of God, and superiority to the world, and not only abstaining from actual sin?

Are you using the necessary means of a holy life,—prayer, meditation, and the reading of the word of God and devout books?

(Whenever you find that you have been guilty of any sin, note it, with its aggravating circumstances, in order to make full confession of it when you next go to confession.)

Having carefully examined yourself, and called to mind your faults, recollect the chief sins of your past life also, and make an act of contrition for all.

5. *An Act of Contrition.*

O Father of mercies! who desirest not the death of sinners; look upon me, a miserable sinner, according to the multitude of thy mercies. I acknowledge and confess, and am heartily sorry for all the sins of my past life, and of this day in particular. I cast myself at thy feet, and beseech thee to cover all my sins with that infinite love with which thou hast loved us from all eternity. I grieve from the bottom of my heart that I have been so ungrateful to thee for thy benefits, and have so often offended thee, my God and my chief good. Spare me, I be-

teach thee, by the death and love of Jesus Christ thy Son ; and mercifully forgive me whatsoever sins I have this day, or heretofore, committed against thee, my neighbor, or myself.

(Here you may say the 50th Psalm, or any other act of penance.)

6. *A Resolution of Amendment.*

O Almighty God ! I firmly resolve, here in thy presence, and before the whole company of heaven, to live more exactly in conformity to thy will, and to the rule of thy commandments, hereafter. I resolve to keep a more strict watch over myself ; to correct my faults and evil habits ; to attend more diligently to my duties ; and to avoid more carefully all sin, and all temptations and occasions of sin.

But without thy assistance, O Lord, there is no strength in man. Thou, therefore, who makest me to will that which is good, give me also the power to perform it. Give what thou commandest, and command what thou wilt, that I may live soberly, righteously, and piously in this world, and praise thee forever with thy saints in the world to come.

Despise not, O Lord, my petitions, for thine infinite mercies' sake, but accept this my evening sacrifice, and let it ascend as incense in thy sight.

And you, my holy patrons, pray for me. 'Thou first, O holy Virgin, mother of my God ; thou too, my angel guardian ; and ye, my chosen patrons, N. and N., and all ye heavenly citizens, angels, and saints, who praise God unceasingly, even while we sleep ; take me under your protection, and commend me to God ; that I may be protected from all the

snare of our enemies, who are ever ready to us while we sleep.

7. *Intercession.*

O Lord God, grant us an increase of faith, and charity. Root out from among us all sin, vice, infidelity, dissensions, and erroneous opinion. Reprove the wandering; correct the unbelieving; show to all in schism the light of thy grace, and store them to the unity of thy Church. Preserve the pastors and rulers of thy Church, and all kings, princes, and rulers in the same, from all adversity both of mind and body. Give to all sinners repentance. Preserve the just in righteousness; establish all their thoughts, words, and works good. Confirm all who are dedicated to thy name in their holy resolutions. Have mercy upon all, O Lord. Give food to those who labor; comfort them who are oppressed with sorrow; heal the sick; supply the necessities of the needy; give a safe return to all who travel, whether by land or sea; grant liberty to the captive; and consolation to all who are laboring with child.

Forgive all who have sinned with me, or whom I have led into sin. Repay a hundred-fold with good to all whom I have injured, offended, or scandalized. Direct in the way of salvation all my relations and friends [*my parents, brothers, sisters, &c.*]; all who pray for me, all who have commended themselves to my prayers, all who think kindly of me. Hear them, O Lord, when they cry unto thee in any tribulation. Bestow perpetual charity both on us and on our enemies. May all be filled with patience, kindness, and mercifulness. May envy, hatred, and

all bitterness, be put away. Have mercy, also, O merciful Father, on all who sleep in Christ, especially on [*my parents*], and those with whom I have been familiarly acquainted. Eternal rest give to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

O eternal Father, I beseech thee, by the life and death of thy beloved Son, and by the bowels of thy mercies, grant that I may persevere unto the end in good works, and die in thy grace.

O good Jesus, I beseech thee, by the love of the eternal Father, and by the last words with which thou didst commend thy spirit to him upon the cross, receive my soul at my last hour.

O Holy Spirit, have mercy on me, and by thy holy inspiration, strengthen me always, but especially at the hour of my death.

O most holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on me now and at the hour of my death. Amen.

On getting into bed.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ crucified, I lay me down to rest; may he bless, govern, and preserve me, and bring me to everlasting life Amen.

Composing yourself to sleep.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. I will sleep in peace, and take my rest.

ANOTHER FORM OF EVENING PRAYER.

In the name of the ✠ Father, &c.

Blessed be the holy and undivided, &c.

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Our Father, &c.

Hail, Mary, &c.

I believe, &c.

O eternal, infinite, and almighty God, whose glory the heaven of heavens cannot contain look down on thy unworthy servant, prostrate at the feet of thy mercy, and humbly confessing to thee, in the sight of all thy holy angels and blessed saints, the sinfulness and vanity of my life, and especially the transgressions of this day.

I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.

Here examine diligently what sins you may have fallen into this day, by thought, word, deed, or omission ; and humbly confessing them, proceed thus :

Of these, and all my other sins, now or at any former time committed, I most sincerely repent, and am heartily sorry for every thought, word, and deed, by which I have displeased the eyes of thy glory, and provoked thy wrath and indignation against me ; especially for my disobedience to so holy a law, and extreme ingratitude to so gracious and bountiful a God. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy great mercy ; and according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity. Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Create a clean heart in me, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. I beseech thee, O Lord, to hear me, and have mercy upon me. And I be-

seech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, the blessed Michael the Archangel, the blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May Almighty God have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to life everlasting, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant me † pardon, absolution, and remission of all my sins. Amen.

And now, O most gracious Benefactor, I praise and magnify thy holy name for thy great and innumerable benefits, proceeding purely from thy bounty, and intended wholly for my good ; particularly for preserving me this day in the midst of so many dangers incident to my condition, and delivering me from the many calamities and miseries which are due to my sins.

Thou art my Creator, O my God, and kind Protector ; thou art the ultimate end of my being, and supreme perfection of my nature. Under the shadow of thy wings is perpetual repose, and from the light of thy countenance flows eternal joy and felicity. To thee be glory and honor, to thee adoration and obedience, from all thy creatures forever. Amen.

And since thou hast ordained the day to labor, and the night to take our rest, as I praise thee for the blessings of the day, so I implore thy protection during this night. Let the eyes of thy providence watch over me, and thy holy angels pitch their tents about me ; that being safely delivered from all dangers, and comfortably refreshed with moderate sleep, I may the better be enabled to perform the employments of my calling and state

of life, and faithfully persevere in the discharge of the duties of thy service ; and so daily advance to new victories over my passions, and to a more perfect observance of thy commandments ; till, having passed my days in thy fear, I may end them in thy favor, and rejoice with thee forever in thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and only Saviour ; who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Prayer for the Dead.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of thy servants departed the remission of all their sins ; that, through pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired : who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

V. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Prayer of St. Aloysius to the Blessed Virgin.

To thee, O holy Mary, my sovereign Mistress, to thy blessed trust and special charge, and to the bosom of thy mercy, this day and every day, and at the hour of my death, I commend myself, my soul and my body ; to thee I commit all my hope and all my consolation, my distresses and my miseries, my life and the end thereof ; that through thy most holy intercession, and through thy merits, all my works may be directed and disposed, according to thy will and the will of thy Son. Amen.

A Prayer to your Guardian Angel.

Angel of God, who art my guardian, enlighten, guard, direct, and govern me, who have been committed to thee by the supernal clemency.

The Blessing.

✝ God the Father, bless me ; Jesus Christ, defend and keep me ; the virtue of the Holy Ghost enlighten and sanctify me this night and forever. Amen.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Lord Jesus, receive my soul.

When you go to bed, say :

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ ✝ crucified, I lay me down to rest. Bless me, O Lord, defend and govern me ; and after this short and miserable pilgrimage, bring me to everlasting happiness. Amen.

A Prayer at settling to Sleep.

O Lord Jesus Christ, whose unwearied eye neither slumbers nor sleeps, but continually watches in defence of thy servants ; take me and mine, I beseech thee, into thy protection, and grant, that whilst my body is asleep, my soul may be awake to thee, and that I may hereafter behold thee in that blessed and heavenly country, where thou, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, rulest eternally, and where all the angels, with the blessed saints, are citizens forever. Amen.

The Trisagium.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts ; the earth is full of thy glory. Glory be to the Father, glory be to the Son, glory be to the Holy Ghost.

Act of Resignation to the Will of God.

May the most just, most high, and most amiable will of God, be done, praised, and eternally exalted in all things. Amen.

Family Prayers for Morning and Evening.*

I. Morning.

In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *R.* Amen.

V. Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. *R.* Amen.

V. Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful.

R. And kindle in them the fire of thy love.

V. Send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

R. And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.

R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

V. O God, come to our assistance.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name: thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation.

* Many of the previous prayers for private use may also be used in families, by using the plural number.

R. But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, our Lord is with thee ; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us ~~now~~ now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord ; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary ; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried ; he descended into hell ; the third day he rose again from the dead ; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty ; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body.

R. And the life everlasting. Amen.

All this we firmly believe : we believe also all other doctrines which thy holy Church proposes to be believed, because thou, O God, who art the sovereign truth, hast promised to guide her into all truth, and hast revealed all these things unto her. In this faith and for this faith we are resolved, by thy grace, to live and die.

R. In this faith and for this faith, &c.

An Act of Hope.

Most merciful God, we hope, through the merits and death of Jesus Christ, that thou wilt grant us here thy grace and the forgiveness of our sins, and hereafter eternal life ; because thou, O God, art at

mighty, and infinitely good unto us, and faithful in thy promises.

R. In thee, O Lord, have we hoped ; let us not be confounded everlastingly.

An Act of Love.

We love thee, O God, with our whole soul, and above all things, because thou art infinitely worthy of all love. We love thee for thine own sake ; and for thy sake also we love our neighbor as ourselves. Make us to love thee ever more and more.

R. We love thee, O God, with our whole soul, and above all things. Make us to love thee ever more and more.

An Act of Contrition.

O Lord God, we grieve, from the bottom of our hearts, for the sins which we have committed against thee, because by them we have offended thee, whom we ought to love above all things ; and we detest them, because they are displeasing to thee. We firmly resolve, by thy grace, to sin no more ; and henceforth to avoid all occasions of sin.

R. Wash us yet more from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sin.

An Act of Thanksgiving.

We give thee thanks, Almighty God, for thy care and preservation of us in the night past ; for having brought us in safety to the beginning of another day ; and for all the manifold blessings which thou hast bestowed upon us. Grant that we may pass the remainder of our lives in worthy acts of praise and thanksgiving.

R. We give thee thanks, O Lord, for all thy mercies.

V. Unto thee, O Lord, have we lifted up our voice;

R. And early in the morning our prayer shall come before thee.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day,

R. To keep us without sin.

V. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy upon us.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord;

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Let us pray.

O Lord God Almighty, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same by thy mighty power, that this day we may fall into no sin, but that our words may always proceed, and our thoughts and actions be directed, to the performance of thy justice. Through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, forever and ever. Amen.

O God, the Creator and Governor of all men, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, and without whom we have no power to do any thing of ourselves; we consecrate all our thoughts, words, deeds, and sufferings, of this day, to the glory of thy name, and of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here may be said the Litany of the Holy Name, or any other Litany that may be selected from those at the end of this book; or at least the concluding prayer of the Litany of the Holy Name, *Lord Jesus Christ, &c.*, should be said; after which:

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God! despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

R. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, holy Mother of God.

Holy Michael, the Archangel,

R. Defend us from our enemies.

Saint Joseph, our patron saints, and all the saints of God,

R. Intercede for us.

O holy angel-guardians, to whose care we have been committed by the divine goodness, enlighten, preserve, and govern us this day; defend us from all spot of sin, and obtain for us all needful grace, that we may love God, and serve him here, until we come with you to love, praise, and enjoy him hereafter, in life everlasting. Amen.

May the Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life; and may the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Evening Prayer.

In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

V. Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. *R.* Amen.

V. Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful

R. And kindle in them the fire of thy love.

V. Send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

R. And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.

R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

V. O God, come to our assistance.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Prevent, we beseech thee, O Lord, our actions, by thy inspirations, and further them with thy continual help, that every prayer and work of ours may always begin from thee, and through thee be likewise ended. Through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c. Hail, Mary, &c. I believe, &c.

Let us give thanks to God for all his mercies, especially for those which we have received this day. *(A pause.)*

We give thee thanks, Almighty God, for all thy mercies bestowed upon us, especially for those which we have received this day. *(A short pause.)*

V. What shall we render unto the Lord for all that he hath rendered unto us?

R. We will take the chalice of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

V. We will pay our vows unto the Lord,

R. Before all his people.

V. We will walk in the ways of the Lord,

R. And serve him all the days of our life.

V. Blessed be the name of the Lord,

R. Henceforth and forever. Amen.

Let us pray for light to see into our consciences.

V. Enlighten our eyes, O Lord.

R. That we sleep not in the sleep of sin.

V. Prove us, O God, and know our hearts.

R. Examine us, and know our paths.

V. See if there be in us any evil way ;

R. And lead us in the way everlasting.

(pause.)

We confess unto thee, Almighty God, that have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed through our fault, through our fault, through our own most grievous fault. We are heartily sorry for all our sins, especially those which we have committed this day (*a pause*) ; and we resolve, by thy grace, never more to sin against thee. Therefore we beseech thee, O Lord, to have mercy upon us and to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to live everlasting. And we beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, the blessed Michael the Archangel, the blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, to pray to the Lord our God for us.

R. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and forgive us our sins, and bring us to live everlasting.

V. Wash us yet more from our iniquity ;

R. And cleanse us from our sin.

V. Create in us a clean heart, O God ;

R. And renew a right spirit within us.

Collect for the Week and Day.

Or this :

Look down, we beseech thee, O Lord, upon this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ did not refuse to be delivered into the hands of sinners, and to undergo the torment of the cross ; who liveth and

reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost,
 one God, world without end. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all right
 counsels, and all just works do come, give to thy
 servants that peace which the world cannot give,
 that our hearts being given up to obey thy com-
 mandments, and the fear of our enemies being taken
 away, the times, by thy protection, may be peace-
 ful, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth, &c.

For Peace

Give peace, O Lord, in our days; for there is
 none other that fighteth for us but only thou, our
 God.

V. Let peace be in thy strength.

R. And plenteousness in thy towers.

Then may follow the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, or any
 other appropriate Litany for the day or season; after
 which

Let us pray for the Dead.

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O
 Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Oh, let thine ears consider well the voice of my
 supplication.

If thou, O Lord, shalt mark iniquities, Lord, who
 shall abide it?

For with thee there is propitiation: and because
 of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord.

My soul hath waited on his word: my soul hath
 hoped in the Lord.

From the morning-watch even until night, let Is-
 rael hope in the Lord.

For with the Lord there is mercy ; and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

V. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Here may follow a Collect for any member of the family, or other Catholic, lately deceased, or on their anniversary day. Then,

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of thy servants departed, the remission of all their sins, that through our pious supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired ; who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, forever and ever. Amen.

V. Let us pray for our Sovereign Pontiff, N.

R. The Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth. and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

V. Let us pray for our benefactors.

R. Vouchsafe, O Lord, for thy name's sake, to reward with eternal life all them that do us good.

V. Let us pray for our absent brethren.

R. Save thy servants, who hope in thee, O my God.

V. Send them help from thy holy place,

R. And defend them out of Sion.

V. O Lord, hear our prayer.

R. And let our cry come unto thee.

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God ! despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us from our enemies.

R. Amen.

Saint Joseph, our patron saints, and all the saints of God,

R. Intercede for us.

C holy angel-guardians, to whose care we have been committed by the divine goodness, defend us this night from all evil.

R. Amen.

THE HYMN.

The Compline, or any other hymn, may be here said or sung.

V. Save us, O Lord, waking ; and keep us while we sleep ; that we may watch with Christ, and rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. Preserve us as the apple of thine eye.

R. And protect us under the shadow of thy wings.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, this night,

R. To keep us without sin.

V. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy upon us.

V. Let thy mercy be upon us, O Lord.

R. As we have hoped in thee.

V. O Lord, hear our prayer.

R. And let our cry come unto thee.

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy. Let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace, and may thy blessing be always upon us through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Lord bless us, and keep us and deliver

us from all evil ; and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

Night Prayers.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, and forever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Hail, Mary, &c.

I believe in God, &c.

Come, Holy Ghost, &c.

Let us place ourselves in the presence of God, and give thanks for all the benefits which we have received from him, particularly this day.

O my God, I firmly believe that thou art here present, and perfectly seest me, and that thou dost direct and govern all my actions, all my thoughts, and all the most secret motions of my heart. Thou watchest over me with an incomparable love, every moment bestowing favors, and preserving me from evil. Blessed be thy holy name ; and may all creatures bless thy goodness for the benefits which I have ever received from thee, and particularly this day. May the saints and angels supply my defect in rendering thee due thanks. Never permit me to be so base and wicked as to repay thy bounties with ingratitude, and thy blessings with offences and injuries.

Let us ask of our Lord Jesus Christ grace to discover the sins which we have committed this day ; and beg of him a true sorrow for them, and a sincere repentance.

O my Lord Jesus Christ, Judge of the living and the dead, before whom I must appear one day to give an exact account of my whole life; enlighten me, I beseech thee, and give me an humble and contrite heart, that I may see wherein I have offended thine infinite Majesty; and judge myself now with such a just severity, that then thou mayest judge me with mercy and clemency.

Let us here examine what sins we have committed this day by thought, word, deed, or omission.

(If nothing occur to your mind wherein you have offended, renew your sorrow for the sins of your past life.)

Let us conceive a great sorrow for having offended God.

O my God, I detest these and all other sins which I have committed against thy divine Majesty. I am extremely sorry that I have offended thee, because thou art infinitely good, and sin displeaseth thee. I love thee with my whole heart; and firmly purpose, by the help of thy grace, never more to offend thee. I resolve to avoid the occasions of sin; I will confess my sins, and will endeavor to make satisfaction for them. Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy, and pardon me, a wretched sinner. In the name of thy beloved Son Jesus, I humbly beg of thee so to wash me with his precious blood, that my sins may be entirely remitted.

Let us endeavor, as much as possible, to put ourselves in the dispositions in which we desire to be found at the hour of death.

O my God, I accept of death as a homage and adoration which I owe to thy divine Majesty, and as a punishment justly due to my sins, in union with the death of my dear Redeemer, and as the only

means of coming to thee, my beginning and last end.

I firmly believe all the sacred truths which the Catholic Church believeth and teacheth, because thou hast revealed them. And by the assistance of thy holy grace, I am resolved to live and die in the communion of this thy Church.

Relying upon thy goodness, power, and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, and life everlasting, through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ, my only Redeemer, and by the intercession of his blessed Mother, and all the saints.

I love thee with all my heart and soul, and desire to love thee as the blessed do in heaven. I adore all the designs of thy divine Providence, resigning myself entirely to thy will.

I also love my neighbor for thy sake, as I love myself. I sincerely forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

I renounce the devil, with all his works; the world, with all its pomps; the flesh, with all its temptations.

I desire to be dissolved, and to be with Christ. Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.

R. Lord Jesus, receive my soul.

May the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and all the saints, pray for us to our Lord, that we may be preserved this night from sin and all evils. Amen.

Blessed St. Michael, defend us in the day of battle, that we may not be lost at the dreadful judgment. Amen.

O my good Angel, whom God, by his divine mercy, hath appointed to be my guardian, enlighten and protect me, direct and govern me this night. Amen.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, and forgive our sins, and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins.
Amen.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, this night,

R. To keep us without sin.

V. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

R. Have mercy upon us.

V. Let thy mercy be upon us, O Lord.

R. As we have hoped in thee.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy. Let thy holy angels dwell herein, to preserve us in peace; and may thy blessing be always upon us, through our Lord, &c.

Save us, O Lord, waking, and keep us while we sleep, that we may watch with Christ, and rest in peace.

R Amen

Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

Sub tuum præsidium con-
fugimus, sancta Dei Geni-
trix, nostras deprecationes
despicias in necessita-
tibus nostris; sed a periculis
sanctis libera nos semper,
Virgo gloriosa et benedicta.

We fly to thy patronage,
O holy Mother of God, de-
spise not our petitions in
our necessities; but deliver
us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Vir-
gin.

Kyrie eleison.*Kyrie eleison.***Christe eleison.***Christe eleison.***Kyrie eleison.***Kyrie eleison.***Christe audi nos.***Christe exaudi nos.***Pater de cœlis Deus,****Fili Redemptor mundi****Deus,****Spiritus Sancte Deus,****Sancta Trinitas, unus****Deus,****Sancta Maria, *Ora pro nobis.*****Sancta Dei Genitrix,****Sancta Virgo virginum,****Mater Christi,****Mater divinæ gratiæ,****Mater purissima,****Mater castissima,****Mater inviolata,****Mater intemerata,****Mater amabilis,****Mater admirabilis,****Mater Creatoris,****Mater Salvatoris,****Virgo prudentissima,****Virgo veneranda,****Virgo prædicanda,****Virgo potens,****Virgo clemens,****Virgo fidelis,****Speculum justitiæ,****Sedes sapientiæ,****Causa nostræ lætitiæ,****Vas spirituale,****vas honorabile,****Lord have mercy.***Lord have mercy.***Christ have mercy.***Christ have mercy.***Lord have mercy.***Lord have mercy.***Christ hear us.***Christ graciously hear us.***God the Father of heaven,****God the Son, Redeemer of the world,****God the Holy Ghost, Holy Trinity, one God,****Holy Mary, *Pray for us.*****Holy Mother of God,****Holy Virgin of virgins,****Mother of Christ,****Mother of divine grace,****Mother most pure,****Mother most chaste,****Mother inviolate,****Mother undefiled,****Mother most amiable,****Mother most admirable,****Mother of our Creator,****Mother of our Saviour,****Virgin most prudent,****Virgin most venerable****Virgin most renowned.****Virgin most powerful.****Virgin most merciful,****Virgin most faithful****Mirror of justice,****Seat of wisdom,****Cause of our joy,****Spiritual Vessel.****Vessel of honor,***Miserere nobis.**Ora pro nobis.*

Vas insigne devotionis,

Rosa mystica,
Turris Davidica,
Turris eburnea,
Domus aurea,
Fœderis arca,
Janua coeli,
Stella matutina,
Salus infirmorum,
Refugium peccatorum,
Consolatrix afflictorum,
Auxilium Christiano-
rum,

Ora pro nobis.

Singular Vessel of devo-
tion,

Mystical Rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,

Pray for us.

Regina Angelorum,
Regina Patriarcharum,
Regina Prophetarum,
Regina Apostolorum,
Regina Martyrum,
Regina Confessorum,
Regina Virginum,
Regina Sanctorum om-
nium,

Queen of Angels,
Queen of Patriarchs,
Queen of Prophets,
Queen of Apostles,
Queen of Martyrs,
Queen of Confessors,
Queen of Virgins,
Queen of all Saints,

Regina sine labe origi-
nali concepta,

Regina Sacratissimi
Rosary,

Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-
cata mundi,

Parce nobis, Domine.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis, etc.

Exaudi nos, Domine.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis, etc.

Miserere nobis.

Christe audi nos.

Christe exaudi nos.

Ant. Sub tuum præsi-
dium confugimus, sancta
Dei Genitrix, nostras de-

Queen conceived with-
out original sin,

Queen of the Most Holy
Rosarii,

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, etc.,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, etc.,

Have mercy on us.

Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

Ant. We fly to thy pa-
tronage, O holy Mother of
God, despise not our peti-

precationes ne despicias in necessitatibus nostris; sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper, Virgo gloriosa et benedicta.

V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genitrix.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Oremus.

Gratiam tuam, quæsumus, Domine, mentibus nostris infunde: ut qui, Angelo nuntiante, Christi Filii tui Incarnationem cognovimus, per Passionem ✠ ejus et Crucem ad Resurrectionis gloriam perducamur. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

tions in our necessities; but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, thy Son, was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by his Passion ✠ and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance remain always with us.

R. Amen.

Occasional Prayers

For the Holy Catholic Church.

DEFEND, O Lord, thy servants, we beseech thee, from all dangers both of body and soul; and, by the intercession of the blessed and glorious Virgin Mary, Mother

of God, of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, of blessed N., and of all thy saints, mercifully grant us the blessings of peace and safety; that all adversities and errors being removed, thy Church may freely and securely serve thee; through our Lord, &c.

For all Degrees of Men in the Church.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is sanctified and governed: mercifully hear our humble supplications for all degrees and orders therein; that by the gift of thy grace, all, in their several stations, may faithfully serve thee; through, &c.

For the Pope.

O God, the Pastor and Governor of all the faithful, mercifully look upon thy servant N., whom thou hast been pleased to appoint the pastor of thy Church; grant, we beseech thee, that both by word and example he may edify those over whom he is set; and, together with the flock committed to his care, may attain everlasting life; through, &c.

For Bishops, and the People committed to them.

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone doest great marvels, send down upon thy servants, the Bishops of thy Church [*especially N. our Bishop*], and all the congregations committed unto them, the spirit of thy saving grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing; through, &c.

For a Congregation or Family.

Defend, we beseech thee, O Lord, by the intercession of the blessed Mary, ever Virgin, this thy family from all adversity; and mercifully protect us, now prostrate

beseech thee with our whole hearts, from all the snares of our enemies ; through, &c.

For the Preservation of Concord in a Congregation.

O God, who art the giver of peace and lover of charity, grant to thy servants true concord and union with thy holy will, that we may be delivered from all temptations which assault us ; through, &c.

Against the Persecutors of the Church.

Hear the prayers of thy Church, O Lord, we beseech thee, and turn away thine anger from us ; that all adversities and errors being done away, we may freely and securely serve thee ; through, &c.

In any Necessity.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, give ear to the fervent prayers of thy Church ; that what we ask in faith we may effectually obtain ; through, &c.

In any Tribulation.

O Almighty God, despise not thy people who cry unto thee in their affliction ; but for the glory of thy name, turn away thine anger, and help us in our tribulations ; through, &c.

In Time of Famine or Pestilence.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, an answer to our hearty supplications ; and, thy wrath being appeased, turn away from us this famine (or pestilence) ; that the hearts of men may know that these scourges proceed from thine anger, and cease by thy mercy ; through, &c.

For Forgiveness of Sins.

O God, who rejectest none that come unto thee, but in pity art appeased even with the greatest sinners who repent; mercifully regard our prayers in our humiliation, and lighten our hearts; that we may be able to fulfil thy commandments; through, &c.

For the Tempted and Afflicted.

O God, who justifiest the ungodly that repent, and wouldst not the death of a sinner; we humbly entreat thy Majesty to protect thy servants with thy heavenly assistance, who trust in thy mercy, and preserve them by thy continual protection; that they may constantly serve thee, and by no temptation be separated from thee; through, &c.

A Prayer for Perseverance in Goodness.

Grant, O my Lord Jesus Christ, that I may persevere in good purposes, and in thy holy service, to my death; and that I may this day perfectly begin, for all I have hitherto done is nothing. Amen.

For Heretics and Schismatics.

O almighty and everlasting God, who hast compassion on all, and wouldst not that any should perish: favorably look down upon all those who are seduced by the deceit of Satan; that all heretical impiety being removed, the hearts of such as err may repent, and return to the unity of thy truth; through, &c.

For Jews.

O almighty and everlasting God, who repellst not from thy mercy even the perfidious Jews; hear the prayer which we offer for the blindness of that people

R. And teach us thy paths.

V. Oh, that our ways were directed,

R. To keep thy righteous laws.

V. The crooked ways shall be made straight.

R. And the rough places smooth.

V. The Lord hath given his angels charge over thee

R. To keep thee in all thy ways.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Prayer.

Give ear, we beseech thee, O Lord, to our supplications, and favorably direct thy servants in the way of thy salvation; that amidst all the changes of this our life and pilgrimage, we may ever be protected by thy help; through, &c.

V. Let us go forth in peace.

R. In the name of the Lord.

A Prayer before Study or Instructions.

O incomprehensible Creator, the true Fountain of light and only Author of all knowledge; vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to enlighten our understandings, and to remove from us all darkness of sin and ignorance. [Thou, who makest eloquent the tongues of those that want utterance, direct our tongues, and pour on our lips the grace of thy blessing.] Give us a diligent and obedient spirit, quickness of apprehension, capacity of retaining, and the powerful assistance of thy holy grace; that what we hear or learn, we may apply to thy honor and the eternal salvation of our own souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Husband or Wife.

O God, who hast ordained and sanctified the holy estate of matrimony, for replenishing the earth, for mu

tual consolation, and as a type of the union of Christ and his Church ; give me grace both thankfully to accept its blessings, and carefully to fulfil its duties. I beseech thee continually to bless our union, and to enable us to live together in peace and love, in the faithful discharge of all our duties to thee, and to each other. Deliver us from every evil temper, from every heedless action, which may in any way weaken or embitter the sacredness of that tie by which thou hast bound us together, and which can never be severed. Make me faithful and affectionate, studious to please, and ready to deny my own will and inclination in all things. Let not the trials and crosses of this life induce me to murmur, nor any earthly blessings cause me to forget thee, the Author and Giver of all ; but by patience and meekness, by prayer and thankfulness, may all things be sanctified unto me, and fit me for eternal union with thee, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Prayer for Parents, for themselves and for their Children.

O Father of mankind, who hast given unto me these my children, and committed them to my charge to bring them up for thee, and to prepare them for everlasting life ; assist me with thy heavenly grace, that I may be able to fulfil this most sacred duty and stewardship. Teach me both what to give, and what to withhold ; when to reprove, and when to forbear : make me to be gentle, yet firm ; considerate and watchful ; and deliver me equally from the weakness of indulgence, and excess of severity ; and grant that, both by word and example, I may be careful to lead them in the ways of wisdom and true piety ; so that at last I may, with them, be admitted to the unspeakable joys of our true home in heaven, in the unity of the blessed angels and saints, where thou, O Father, with Jesus, thy only-begotten Son, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God, forever and ever.

O Heavenly Father, I commend my children unto thee. Be thou their God and Father; and mercifully supply whatever is wanting in me, through frailty or negligence. Strengthen them to overcome the corruptions of the world, to resist the solicitations of evil, whether from within or without; and deliver them from the secret snares of the enemy. Pour thy grace into their hearts, and confirm and multiply in them the gifts of thy Holy Spirit, that they may daily grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; and so faithfully serving thee here, may come to rejoice before thee hereafter; through the merits of the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest. Amen.

For a Child.

O Almighty God, who hast given unto me my father and mother, and made them to be an image of thy authority, and love, and tender watchfulness, and hast commanded me to love, and honor, and obey them in all things; give me grace cheerfully and with my whole heart to keep this thy law. Help me to love them fervently, to honor them truly, to yield a ready obedience to all their commands, to comply with all their wishes, to study their happiness in every thing, and to bear with patience and humility all their rebukes. Deliver me, O God, from pride, rebellion, and wilfulness, from passion and stubbornness, from sloth and carelessness. Make me diligent in all my duties and studies, and patient in all my trials; that so living, I may deserve to be thy child, who art our Father in heaven, through Jesus Christ, thine only Son our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for choosing a State of Life.

O Lord, I beseech thee to grant me thy divine light, that I may know the designs of thy providence concerning me, and that, filled with a sincere desire for my soul's

salvation, I may say, with the young man in the Gospel: "What must I do to be saved?" All states of life are before me; but, still undecided what to do, I await thy commands, I offer myself to thee without restriction, without reserve, with a most perfect submission.

Far be it from me, O Lord, to oppose the order of thy wisdom, and, unfaithful to the inspiration of thy grace, to strive to subject the will of the Creator to the caprice of the creature. It is not for the servant to choose the way in which he will serve his master: do thou lay upon me what commands thou pleasest. "My lot is in thine hands." I make no exception, lest perchance that which I except be that which thou wiltest and because I am too short-sighted to discover in the future the different obstacles I shall meet with, if, without thy guidance, I make myself the arbiter of my own conduct. Speak, Lord, to my soul; speak to me as thou didst to the youthful Samuel: "Speak to me, Lord; for thy servant heareth." I cast myself at thy feet, and am ready, if it be thy will, to sacrifice myself as a victim to thee for the remainder of my days, in such wise as thou shalt deem most worthy of thy greatness.

O my God, overrule the affections of my parents, and guide their projects according to the counsels of thine eternal wisdom. Lord, I desire to consult thee as the oracle of truth, sincerely and without preference; grant that they also may submit themselves to its decrees, faithfully and without reserve.

A Prayer in Times of threatened Calamity.

O Jesus Christ, we call upon thee, holy immortal God, have mercy upon us and upon all men. Purify us by thy holy blood, forgive us by thy holy blood, save us by thy holy blood, now and forever. Amen

Meditations for every Day in the Week.

FIRST MEDITATION.

For Sunday.

ON ETERNAL HAPPINESS.

Preparation 1. Having put away all earthly cares and affections, say,—

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of thy love.

Prayer.

O God, who hast taught the hearts of the faithful, by the light of thy Holy Spirit, grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right understanding in all things, and continue to rejoice in *his* consolation; through Christ our Lord.

2. Picture to yourself, as well as you are able, the spacious and most beautiful mansions of the blessed, and in them God, with his holy angels, &c., &c.

3. Ask grace of God, that, as far as may be, you may be able to see and appreciate that heavenly glory.

First Point for Consideration.

Consider what the happiness of heaven is. It is the perfect combination of every good, without any admixture of evil, in which the blessed repose securely in the fullest satisfaction of all their desires. According to Psalm xvi.: "I shall be satisfied when thy glory shall appear."

Affections. What have I in heaven, and what do I desire upon earth, besides thee?

Second Point.

Consider how sweet, in that heavenly city (the brightness of whose walls and gates and streets are described in Apoc

ed.), will be the society of Christ, and of the blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Apostles, and the other saints, when all shall be united to God, and God shall be in all; where the highest will embrace the lowest without the least admixture of contempt, and the lowest embrace the highest without any envy of their superiority.

Affections. "How lovely are thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts" My soul longeth and fainteth for the courts of 'the Lord," &c. Ps. lxxxiii.

Third Point.

Consider the differences of glory. 1 Cor. xv. 41: "One is the glory of the sun, another the glory of the moon, and another the glory of the stars. For star differeth from star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead." For the glory of each one shall be greater in proportion as he has in this life done or suffered more for the sake of God.

Affections. And shall I, then, seek to escape from labor and the cross, although the sufferings of this world are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come?

Colloquy. Give thanks to God, that he has prepared a great reward for such slight services as we can render unto him. Reproach thyself for thine own ingratitude and negligence. Commend the whole of this act of devotion to the protection of the blessed Virgin Mary; and say, We fly to thy patronage, &c.; p. 107.

SECOND MEDITATION.

For Monday.

ON DEATH.

Preparation, same as before for Sunday.

Imagine yourself in your last agony, lying on your bed with a crucifix in one hand and a taper in the other.

First Point.

Consider that "it is appointed to all men once to die" (Heb. ix.); but that the day and hour is uncertain. For

"the day of the Lord shall so come as a thief in the night. For when they shall say peace and security, then shall sudden destruction come upon them." 1 Thess. v. 3. The wise man truly observes (Eccles. ix.): "As fishes are taken with the hook, and as birds are caught with the snare, so men are taken in the evil time."

Affections. Why, then, do I not hold myself in readiness every day and every hour, as Christ exhorteth? Matt. xxiv. "Be ye ready, for ye know not at what hour the Son of man will come."

Second Point.

Consider how great may be at that time your bodily pain: on account of which, you may neither be able to pray, or to repent, or even to remember your sins. For that shall be fulfilled. Ps. xl: "Thou hast turned all his couch in his sickness."

Affections. "Therefore, while we have time let us do good." Gal. vi. 10. But, concerning this present time, it is said (2 Cor. vi. 2): "In an accepted time have I heard thee, and in the day of salvation have I helped thee: behold now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation."

Third Point.

Consider in what great straits will thy soul then be, when it is about to leave the body, and knows not "whether it is worthy of hatred or love;" whether it is to be received into heaven or thrust down into hell. The soul of Hilarion, who had served Christ for nearly seventy years, trembled at its departure from the body. "Why art thou afraid. O my soul, to depart?" said he. Job, also, at the prospect of death, says (x. 20), "Suffer me that I may lament my sorrow a little before I go, and return no more to a land that is dark, and covered with the mists of death." How much more cause for fear have you! "But the souls of the just are in the hands of God, and the torments of death shall not touch them." Wis. iii. 1.

Affections. Would that I might so ponder these things, and so arrange my life, that I might be able to say, "To me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Phil. i. 21.

Colloquy. Accuse yourself to Christ of having neglected meditation on death and promise him to amend.

THIRD MEDITATION

For Tuesday.

ON JUDGMENT

Preparation, same as for Sunday.

Imagine that you are standing as a debtor before Christ seated on his throne of judgment, and about to give an account of your life unto him.

First Point.

Consider how the soul, released from the bonds of the flesh, and forsaken by all, must stand before Christ its Judge, when neither prayers nor tears shall avail, nor any excuse be admitted, and when your guardian angel and the devil shall produce your good and evil deeds, &c. What shall I, a sinner, plead?

Affections. And shall I still be so careless? "If we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged." 1 Cor. xi. 31.

Second Point.

Consider that you must give account not only of your grievous sins, but for every idle word. Then, perhaps, shall that writing appear against you (Dan. v. 25): "Mane, Thecel, Phares. *Mane*: God hath numbered thy kingdom, and hath finished it. *Thecel*: Thou art weighed in the balance, and art found wanting. *Phares*: Thy kingdom is divided, and is given to the Medes and Persians."

Affections. And shall I not fear? "Pierce thou my flesh with thy fear, for I am afraid of thy judgments." Ps. cxviii. "Enter not into judgment with thy servant." Ps. cxlii.

Third Point.

Consider with what fear and trembling each one will await the sentence of the Judge, which can never be reversed "Come, ye blessed," &c.; or, "Depart, ye wicked," &c.

Affections. And shall I hereafter take any pleasure in sin? I will speak in the bitterness of my soul; I will cry unto God, Do not condemn me.

Colloquy. Give thanks to Christ, that he has pardoned, and still grants to thee, the time of grace.

FOURTH MEDITATION.

For Wednesday.

ON HELL.

Preparation, same as before.

Imagine to yourself some vast and horrid cavern, full of serpents and other monsters, and from whence issue fearful howlings, with smoke and flames, &c.

First Point.

Consider what eternal damnation is, viz., a never-ending unchangeable condition, in which the reprobate are tormented without pity or hope of mercy; with torments so great, the mind of man cannot understand or imagine them, in which the lake burning with brimstone and fire (Apoc. 10) is but a part, and, as it were, a figure.

Affections. Truly does Isaiah say (xxxiii.), "Which of you can dwell with devouring fire? which of you can dwell with everlasting burnings?" O Lord, punish me here with sword and fire, rather than hereafter and through eternity.

Second Point.

Consider well the punishment of the senses, in the eternal torment of the soul as well as of the body. *The eyes* shall be tormented with spectres; *the ears*, with howlings, wailings, and blasphemies; *the nostrils*, with intolerable stench; *the tongue and the palate*, with liquid pitch and sulphur; *the hands, the breast, and all the rest of the body*, with unendurable tortures; *the memory and intellect* shall gnaw the heart with the remembrance and consideration of the neglected time of grace; *the will* must endure the frustration and contradiction of all its desires. "As much as she has

glorified herself, and lived in delicacies, so much torment and sorrow give ye to her." Apoc. xviii. 7.

Affections. Oh, the blindness of men, who, for one drop of honey, fear not the full draught of so much gall and bitterness.

Third Point.

Consider *the pain of loss*, which is eternal exclusion from the vision of God and the society of the saints, by far the greatest and most intolerable of all punishments.

Affections. Oh, that I might never forget these things "Cast me not away from thy face, O Lord." Ps. l.

Let your *Colloquy* be the deprecation of so great misery

FIFTH MEDITATION.

For Thursday.

ON THE MERCIES OF GOD.

Preparation, as before.

Imagine to yourself all the gifts of God brought together at one time, and placed before your eyes.

First Point

Consider that God, from all eternity, set his eyes upon you, and decreed that you should be created out of nothing unto everlasting salvation. Jer. xxxi. 8: "I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore have I drawn thee, taking pity on thee." Then, that he brought you forth *in the time of grace*, placed you in the Catholic Church, and gave you pious parents, &c.; that he spared you going on in sin, delivered you from many dangers, and drew you into the way of salvation, &c.

Affections. "The mercies of the Lord I will sing forever." Ps. lxxx. Shall I ever offend, by any sin, so great a Benefactor!

Second Point.

Consider that God appointed the sacraments of baptism and penance that we might be delivered from our sins, not

for his own, but for our sakes, for he has no need of us he might, without injury, have condemned us to eternal damnation, &c.

Affections. "Bless the Lord, oh, my soul; and let all that is within me bless his holy name." Ps. cii.

Third Point.

Consider the incomprehensible love of God towards us, in the institution of the most holy Eucharist, in which he gave himself to us for our food. "There is no other nation so great that hath God so nigh them, as our God is present to us." Deut. iv.

Affections. Where is our love in return? "What shall I render unto the Lord for all the things that he hath rendered to me?" Ps. cxv.

Colloquy. Beg of God not to withdraw his mercies from you.

SIXTH MEDITATION.

For Friday.

ON THE PASSION AND DEATH OF CHRIST.

Preparation, as before.

Picture to yourself the *Mount of Olives*, at the foot of which Christ sweat blood; *Mount Sion*, on which was situated the city of Solyma, where he was accused, scourged, and condemned; and *Mount Calvary*, where he was crucified.

First Point.

Consider what passed in the garden, the agony, the bloody sweat, the prayer.

Affections. Who will not suffer with him, and take from his hand the cup of his passion which he giveth to drink?

Second Point.

Consider what he suffered in the city, before Annas, Caiaphas, Pilate, &c; the mockery, buffetings, scourging, &c.

Affections. Here none need be suggested.

Third Point.

Consider what he endured on Mount Calvary, in being stripped of his garments, having his hands and feet pierced. Consider also his words on the cross, &c.

Affections. "Look upon the wounds of thy Saviour, as he hangs on the cross; look on the blood, which, dying, he sheds for thee, the price of thy redemption. His head is bent to kiss thee; his heart is opened to love thee; his arms stretched out to embrace thee. Consider these things, how great they be; weigh them in the balance of thy heart, that he may be wholly fixed in thy heart, who, for thee, was wholly fastened to the cross."—ST. AUGUSTIN.

Colloquy. Jesus crucified will suggest it.

SEVENTH MEDITATION.

For Saturday.

ON THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Preparation, as before.

Place before thy mind the Queen of heaven and earth exalted above all the hosts of heaven, and crowned by the blessed Trinity.

First Point.

Consider both the outward and inward loveliness of that blessed Virgin, of whom the spouse in the Canticle saith, "Thou art all fair, oh, my love, and there is not a spot in thee." How should she not be most beautiful, who brought forth him who was "beautiful above the sons of men?" Assuredly, "The most High hath sanctified his own tabernacle." Ps. xlv.

Affections. Shall not I, at so glorious a vision of Christian perfection, cleanse my soul from its stains! O most pure Virgin, obtain for me grace to do this.

Second Point.

Consider with what privileges and honors the blessed Trinity glorifies her. The Father love her as his daughter

the Son honors her as his mother; the Holy Ghost embraces her as his bride.

Affections. How can I sufficiently praise thee! &c.

Third Point.

Consider the mercy and tenderness of this mother towards all in misery; and although the mercy of God be infinitely greater, yet infinite also is his justice, in which Mary has no part.

Affections. Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, &c., p. 57

Colloquy, to the blessed Virgin Mary, may be gathered from the *Affections*.

Various Prayers and Devotions for the Use of the Faithful.

ACTS OF FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY:

(To the recital of which, with contrition of heart, an Indulgence is attached.)

LITERALLY TRANSLATED FROM THE ORIGINAL.

An Act of Faith.

I firmly believe, because God, who is the infallible truth, has thus revealed to his holy Catholic Church, and by it reveals it also unto us, that there is one God in three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that the Son was made man by taking flesh and a human soul, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the most pure Virgin Mary; that he died upon the cross, rose again from the dead, ascended into heaven, and from thence will come again at the end of the world to judge both the living and the dead; to

award unto the good everlasting happiness, and to the wicked everlasting punishment. Moreover, and for the same reason, I believe all that the same holy Catholic Church believes and teaches.

An Act of Hope.

O my God, because thou art almighty, and infinitely good and merciful, I hope, that for the merits of the passion and death of Jesus Christ our Saviour, thou wilt give me eternal life, which thou hast faithfully promised to all who do the works of a good Christian; since I resolve to do them by thy holy aid.

An Act of Charity.

O my God, because thou art the highest and most perfect Good, I love thee with my whole heart, above all things; and I am resolved to suffer the loss of all things rather than offend thee; and, for thy love, I also love my neighbor as myself.

OTHER ACTS OF FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY.

IN COMMON USE.

Preparatory Prayer.

O almighty and eternal God, grant to us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may deserve to obtain what thou dost promise, make us to love what thou commandest; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

An Act of Faith.

I firmly believe there is one God; and that in this one God there are three Persons, the Father, the Son,

and the Holy Ghost; that the Son took to himself the nature of man from the womb of the Virgin Mary, by the operation of the power of the Holy Ghost; and that in this our human nature, he was crucified, and died for us; that afterwards he rose again, and ascended into heaven, from whence he shall come to repay the just everlasting glory, and the wicked everlasting punishment. Moreover, I believe whatsoever else the Catholic Church proposes to be believed, and this because God, who is the Sovereign Truth, and can neither deceive nor be deceived hath revealed all these things to his Church

An Act of Hope.

O my God, relying on thy almighty power, and thy infinite mercy and goodness, and because thou art faithful to thy promises, I trust in thee that thou wilt grant me the forgiveness of my sins, through the merits of Jesus Christ thy Son; and that thou wilt give me the assistance of thy grace, with which I may labor to continue to the end in the diligent exercise of all good works, and may deserve to obtain in heaven the glory which thou hast promised.

An Act of Charity.

O Lord my God, I love thee with my whole heart, and above all things, because thou, O God, art the Sovereign Good, and, for thy own infinite perfections art most worthy of all love; and, for thy sake, I love my neighbor as myself.

An Act of Contrition.

O my God, for the sake of thy sovereign goodness and infinite perfections, which I love above all things, I am exceedingly sorry from the bottom of my heart, and aggrieved for having offended by my sins this thy infinite

goodness ; and I firmly resolve, by the assistance of thy grace, never more to offend thee for the time to come, and carefully to avoid all occasions of sin.

AN UNIVERSAL PRAYER.

FOR ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO SALVATION.

O my God, I believe in thee, do thou strengthen my faith. All my hopes are in thee ; do thou secure them. I love thee ; teach me to love thee daily more and more. I am sorry that I have offended thee ; do thou increase my sorrow.

I adore thee as my first beginning ; I aspire after thee as my last end. I give thee thanks as my constant benefactor ; I call upon thee as my sovereign protector.

Vouchsafe, O my God, to conduct me by thy wisdom, to restrain me by thy justice, to comfort me by thy mercy, to defend me by thy power.

To thee I desire to consecrate all my thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings ; that henceforward I may think only of thee, speak of thee, refer all my actions to thy greater glory, and suffer willingly whatever thou shalt appoint.

Lord, I desire that in all things thy will may be done, because it is thy will, and in the manner that thou wilt.

I beg of thee to enlighten my understanding, to inflame my will, to purify my body, and to sanctify my soul.

Give me strength, O my God, to expiate my offences, to overcome my temptations, to subdue my passions, and to acquire the virtues proper for my state.

Fill my heart with tender affection for thy goodness, hatred of my faults, love of my neighbor, and contempt of the world.

Let me always remember to be submissive to my superiors, condescending to my inferiors, faithful to my friends, and charitable to my enemies.

Assist me to overcome sensuality by mortification, avarice by alms-deeds, anger by meekness, and tepidity by devotion.

O my God, make me prudent in my undertakings, courageous in dangers, patient in affliction, and humble in prosperity.

Grant that I may be ever attentive at my prayers, temperate at my meals, diligent in my employments, and constant in my resolutions.

Let my conscience be ever upright and pure, my exterior modest, my conversation edifying, and my comportment regular.

Assist me, that I may continually labor to overcome nature, to correspond with thy grace, to keep thy commandments, and to work out my salvation.

Discover to me, O my God, the nothingness of this world, the greatness of heaven, the shortness of time, and the length of eternity.

Grant that I may prepare for death; that I may fear thy judgments, escape hell, and in the end obtain heaven; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

FIFTEEN MEDITATIONS

ON THE PASSION OF OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

O good and gracious Jesus! who, being most high in the glory of thy Father, and of one essence with him, didst vouchsafe of thy infinite love to be made man, to be born in a stable, to be laid in a manger, to be circumcised, and to fly into Egypt; afterwards to be baptized, to be tempted, to fast, to watch, to teach the ignorant, and to heal the diseased; in thy whole life to

suffer continual afflictions and persecutions; and at length voluntarily to suffer death upon the cross; and all this for me, and such wretched creatures as myself.

2. O good and gracious Jesus! who, having eaten the paschal lamb with thy dearly beloved disciples, didst arise from supper, gird thyself with a towel, pour water into a basin, and on bended knees didst humbly wash the feet of thy disciples, and wipe them with thy own hands.

3. O good and gracious Jesus! who, when the time of thy death approached, didst bequeath a most excellent legacy to thy children, leaving us thy most sacred body to be our meat, and thy most precious blood to be our drink: no wit can teach, nor understanding penetrate the bottomless depth of this thy charity.

4. O good and gracious Jesus! who, having entered into the garden of Olives, beganst to fear and to be heavy; whereupon thou saidst to thy disciples, *My soul is sorrowful, even unto death*; and then leaving them, kneeledst upon the ground, and falling flat on thy face, prayedst to thy Father, *If it be possible, let this chalice pass from me*. And yet with perfect submission, wholly resignedst thyself to him, saying, *Father, not my will, but thine be done*: and at length, through most painful agony, thy afflicted and fainting body sweated drops of blood.

5. O good and gracious Jesus! who, inflamed with an ineffable desire to redeem me, didst go to meet thine enemies, and sufferedst Judas the traitor to kiss thee, and thyself to be taken and bound with cords, and as a malefactor disgracefully led by the basest of the people to Annas, where with admirable meekness thou receivedst a cruel stroke on thy face, most unjustly given thee by a vile wretch and slave.

6. O good and gracious Jesus! who wast led fast bound like a notorious malefactor from Annas to the house of Caiaphas the high priest, where the Jews most unjustly accused thee, and with barbarous insolence spat upon thy meek and amiable face, buffeting thy cheeks

and blindfolding thine eyes, scornfully mocking, and maliciously affronting thee with injuries all that night.

7. O good and gracious Jesus! who in the morning wast brought to the presence of Pilate, and with a most sweet and humble countenance, casting thine eyes down stoodst before him in the judgment-hall; and when thou wast most falsely calumniated by the Jews, and many insults and provocations were given thee, thou meekly heldst thy peace, and patiently sufferedst their unjust proceedings.

8. O good and gracious Jesus! who wast sent from Pilate to Herod; he out of vain curiosity coveting to see some miracle at thy hand, demanded many things of thee, and the Jews continuing their perverseness against thee; but to all these thy meekness replied not a word: wherefore Herod and all his court despised thee, and putting on thee a white garment in scorn and derision, sent thee thus back again to Pilate. O unspeakable humility and obedience to the will of thine enemies! thou wentst forth and returnedst again, and wast led up and down from place to place without gainsaying, but suffering them to do whatever they would.

9. O good and gracious Jesus! who in the judgment-hall wast stript naked, and without any compassion most cruelly scourged. There was thy blessed virginal and tender flesh torn with stripes, and altogether mangled and deformed; so that the streams of thy most precious blood ran down on every side upon the earth.

10. O good and gracious Jesus! after thy sharp and bloody scourging, to put thee to more shame and confusion, as also to increase thy torments, they clothed thee with an old purple garment, and plating a crown of thorns, pressed it on thy holy head, till the sharp points pierced thy temples, and thy most precious blood ran down and covered thy face and neck: they gave thee in derision a reed for thy sceptre, and kneeling down before thee in scorn, saluted thee, saying. *Hail King of the Jews*; then took they the reed out of thy

land, and with it struck thy sacred head, and again spat upon thy sacred face.

11. O good and gracious Jesus! who wast brought forth from Pilate to the Jews to be gazed on, wearing the crown of thorns and purple garment, Pilate shewing thee to the people, and saying, *Behold the man*; but they cried out with a loud voice and insatiable malice. *Crucify him, crucify him.*

12. O good and gracious Jesus! thou wast delivered up to the will and pleasure of the Jews, who immediately led thee to be crucified, laying thy heavy cross upon thy sore and bloody shoulders; thus didst thou humbly bear thy own cross, whose weight pained thee excessively, and coming to the place all weary and breathless, thou refusedst not to taste wine mingled with gall and myrrh, which was the only relief there given thee.

13. O good and gracious Jesus! being come to Mount Calvary, thou wast again stripped naked, when thy wounds were renewed by the violent pulling off of thy clothes. What bitter pains didst thou suffer, when thou wast fastened to the cross with rough nails, and the joints of thy limbs stretched as on a rack! Oh, with what love and sweetness of charity didst thou suffer thy hands and feet to be pierced through, whence, as from a fountain, thy precious blood gushed out.

14. O good and gracious Jesus! who, hanging on the cross between two thieves, wast assailed with blasphemies, and after so long a continuance of thy tortures, prayedst to thy Father to forgive them: and even when their fury was at the highest, didst exercise the greatest bounty, promising Paradise to the repenting thief, and bequeathing thy dearly beloved Mother (who, pierced with sorrow, stood by the cross,) to thy beloved disciple John, and in him to us all; and after thou hadst suffered for three long hours intolerable pains and extreme thirst, they gave thee vinegar to drink, which when thou hadst tasted, bowing down thy venerable head, thou yieldedst up thy spirit.

15. O good and gracious Jesus. O good Shepherd ! thus thou bestowedst thy life for thy sheep, and even after death still thou wouldst suffer for us, the sacred side of thy dead body being opened with a spear, out of which flowed water and blood. Thus at last ended all thy sufferings ; and thy enemies having slacked their thirst for thy blood, and being gone away, thy disciples came and took thy immaculate body down from the cross, reposed it on the knees of thy blessed Mother, and after all imaginable expressions of piety, reverence, and love, wrapped it up in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre

Prayer.

O mild and innocent Lamb of God, thus heartily thou didst love me, these things thou didst for me, these pains most patiently and lovingly thou sufferedst for me. What shall I render unto thee ? I adore and glorify thee, I praise thee and give thee thanks, with all the powers of my soul. Jesus, Son of the living God, King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hail, most glorious Redeemer of our souls, whose death quickens and gives life to the world.

O blessed Saviour, have mercy on me, for thy goodness' sake ; forgive me all my sins, destroy and mortify in me whatever displeaseth thee. Make me one according to thy heart, and grant that to the utmost of my power I may most diligently imitate thy holy life. O blessed Father of heaven ! behold I offer the most holy incarnation, life, and passion of thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, in full satisfaction for all my sins, and perfect amendment of my life. Grant, most merciful Father, for the merits of thy only-begotten Son, to the living mercy and grace, and to the soul's departed rest and life everlasting. Amen.

THIRTY DAYS' PRAYER

TO OUR BLESSED REDEEMER, IN HONOR OF HIS BITTER PASSION.

For Deliverance from any Evil, or for obtaining some especial Mercy.

O merciful Jesus, my blessed Saviour and Redeemer, the sweet comforter of all sad, desolate, and distressed souls, behold thy poor servant, humbly prostrate at the foot of thy holy cross, bewailing my misery, imploring thy mercy, and beseeching thee to take pity and compassion upon me in this my present affliction.

Hear my prayers, O assured refuge of the afflicted, behold my tears, consider my sorrows, and remedy my distresses; for, finding myself encompassed with very grievous calamities, by reason of my sins, I know not whither to fly for succor, or to whom I may make my complaint, but to thee, my meek and merciful Saviour with a full hope and confidence that thou wilt vouchsafe thy accustomed pity to my humble petition. This I humbly entreat of thee.

By the holy mystery of thy alliance with our human nature, when, resolving with the Father and the Holy Ghost to unite thy divine person to mortal flesh for man's salvation, thou didst send thy angel to the holy Virgin Mary with those happy tidings, and clothing thyself with our human nature, remainedst, true God and true man, for the space of nine months in her sacred womb.

By the anguish thou enduredst when, the time of thy designed passion drawing nigh, thou prayedst to thy eternal Father, that if it were possible that bitter chalice might pass away from thee; yet concluding with a most perfect act of resignation, *Not my will, but thine be done.*

By the outrageous injuries, shameful disgraces, cruel blows, contumelious blasphemies, forged witnesses, false accusations, and unjust judgments, which thou, innocent Lamb! patiently enduredst; by the shackles

which fettered thy limbs, the tears which flowed from thine eyes, the blood which trickled from thy whole body; by the fears, sorrows, and sadness of thy heart; by the shame thou receivedst in being stript of thy garments, to hang naked on the cross, in the sight of thy sorrowful Mother, and in the presence of all the people.

By thy royal head crowned with thorns, and smitten with a reed; by thy thirst quenched with vinegar and gall; by thy side opened with a spear, whence issued blood and water, to refresh our souls with that living fountain of thy love and mercy; by the sharp nails wherewith thy tender hands and feet were cruelly pierced and fastened to the cross; by the recommendation of thy departing soul to thy heavenly Father, saying, *Into thy hands I commend my spirit*; by thy praying for thy enemies, *Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do*; by thy giving up the ghost, when thou criedst out with a loud voice, *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?* and then, bowing down thy most blessed head, saidst, *It is consummated*.

By the great mercy thou showedst towards the penitent thief, saying, *This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise*; by thy descent into Limbus, and the joy thou communicatedst to the just souls therein detained; by the glory of thy triumphant resurrection, and the consoling appearance thou frequently didst vouchsafe for forty days' space to thy sacred Virgin Mother, to thy apostles, and thy other chosen friends and servants; by thy admirable ascension, when, in the sight of thy holy Mother and thy apostles, thou wast elevated into heaven; by the miraculous coming down of the Holy Ghost in the form of fiery tongues, whereby thou replenishedst the hearts of thy disciples with thy love, and gavest them strength and courage to plant thy faith in the whole world; by the dreadful day of general judgment, on which thou wilt pass sentence on all mankind.

By all those sorrows, joys, passions, compassions, and whatsoever else is dear to thee in heaven and on earth

Take pity on me, O compassionate Redeemer! hear my prayers, and grant me that for which I now most humbly and heartily petition thee. [*Mention here the thing you desire, or reflect mentally upon it.*] Give me, O gracious Saviour, speedily to experience thy divine succor and comfort, who, according to the accustomed sweetness of thy tender heart, art wont to grant the requests of those who fear and love thee, even to their soul's desire and satisfaction; bestow on me also, O blessed Jesus, a constant faith, a firm hope, a perfect charity, a true contrition, a sincere confession, a full satisfaction, a diligent guarding of myself from future failings, a contempt of the world, a complete conquest of my passions, a zealous imitation of thy exemplary life and conversation, an entire accomplishment of my vows, an absolute mortification of my self-will, a willing readiness to die for thy love and honor, a final perseverance in grace and good works, a happy departure of my soul out of this world, with my perfect senses about me, and with thy holy sacraments to strengthen me; thyself, O dear Jesus, to comfort me! thy sacred Virgin Mother with the saints, my particular patrons, to pray for me; and my good angel to conduct me to eternal rest and happiness. Amen.

THE THIRTY DAYS' PRAYER

TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, IN HONOR OF THE SACRED PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, BY THE DEVOUT RECITAL OF WHICH, FOR THE ABOVE SPACE OF TIME, WE MAY CONFIDENTLY HOPE TO OBTAIN OUR LAWFUL REQUEST.

It is particularly recommended as a proper devotion for every day in Lent, and all the Fridays throughout the year.

Ever-glorious and blessed Mary, queen of virgins, mother of mercy, the hope and comfort of dejected and

desolate souls; through that sword of sorrow which pierced thy tender heart, whilst thine only Son Jesus Christ our Lord suffered death and ignominy on the cross; through that filial tenderness and pure love which had for thee, grieving in thy grief, whilst from his cross he recommended thee to the care and protection of his beloved disciple St. John; take pity, I beseech thee, on my poverty and necessities; have compassion on my anxieties and cares; assist and comfort me in all my infirmities and miseries, of what kind soever. Thou art the mother of mercies, the sweet comforter and only refuge of the needy and the orphan, of the desolate and afflicted. Cast, therefore, an eye of pity on a poor child of Eve, and hear my prayer; for since, in just punishment of my sins, I find myself encompassed by a multitude of evils, and oppressed with much anguish of spirit, whither can I fly for more secure shelter, O amiable mother of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, than to the wings of thy maternal protection? Attend therefore, I beseech thee, with an ear of pity and compassion to my humble and earnest request. I ask it through the mercy of thy dear Son: through that love and condescension wherewith he embraced our nature, when, in compliance with the divine will, thou gavest thy consent; and whom, after the expiration of nine months, thou broughtest forth from thy chaste womb to visit this world, and bless it with his presence. I ask it through that anguish of mind wherewith thy beloved Son, our dear Saviour, was overwhelmed on the Mount of Olives, when he besought his eternal Father to remove from him, if possible, the bitter chalice of his passion. I ask it through the threefold repetition of his prayer in the garden, from whence afterwards, with sorrowing steps, and mournful tears, thou didst accompany him to the doleful theatre of his death and sufferings. I ask it through the wounds and sores of his virginal flesh, occasioned by the cords and whips wherewith he was bound and scourged, when stripped of his seamless garment, for which his executioners afterwards cast

kta. I ask it through the scoffs and ignominies where-
 with he was insulted: the false accusations and unjust
 sentence by which he was condemned to death, and
 which he bore with heavenly patience. I ask it through
 his bitter tears and bloody sweat, his silence and resig-
 nation, his sadness and grief of heart. I ask it through
 the blood which trickled from his royal and sacred head,
 when struck with his sceptre of a reed, and pierced with
 his crown of thorns. I ask it through the excruciating
 torments he suffered, when his hands and feet were fast-
 ened with heavy nails to the cross. I ask it through
 his vehement thirst, and bitter passion of vinegar and
 gall. I ask it through his dereliction on the cross,
 when he exclaimed: *My God! My God! why hast thou
 forsaken me?* I ask it through his mercy extended to
 the good thief, and through his recommendation of his
 precious soul and spirit into the hands of his eternal
 Father before he expired, saying, *It is finished.* I ask
 it through the blood mixed with water which issued
 from his sacred side when pierced with a lance, from
 whence a plenteous stream of grace and mercy has
 flowed to us. I ask it through his immaculate life, his
 bitter passion, and ignominious death on the cross, at
 which nature itself was thrown into convulsions, by the
 bursting of rocks, rending of the veil of the temple, the
 earthquake, and darkness of the sun and moon. I ask
 it through his descent into hell, where he comforted the
 saints of the old law with his presence, and led captivity
 captive. I ask it through his glorious victory over
 death, when he rose again to life on the third day, and
 through the joy which his appearance, for forty days
 after, gave to thee, his blessed Mother, his apostles, and
 the rest of his disciples, when, in thine and their pres-
 ence, he miraculously ascended into heaven. I ask it
 through the grace of the Holy Ghost, infused into the
 hearts of the apostles, when he descended upon them in
 the form of fiery tongues, which inspired them with zeal
 for the conversion of the world. when they went forth
 to preach the gospel. I ask it through the awful ap-

pearance of thy Son, at the last dreadful day, when he shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. I ask it through the compassion he bore thee in this life, and the ineffable joy thou didst feel at thine assumption into heaven, where thou art eternally absorbed in the sweet contemplation of his divine perfections. O glorious and ever-blessed Virgin! comfort the heart of thy suppliant, by obtaining for me [*Here mention your request, under the condition of its being agreeable to the will of God*]. And as I am persuaded my divine Saviour doth honor thee as his beloved Mother, to whom he can refuse nothing, so let me speedily experience the efficacy of thy powerful intercession, according to the tenderness of thy maternal affection, and his filial loving heart, who mercifully granteth the requests and complieth with the desires of those that love and fear him. Wherefore, O most blessed Virgin, besides the object of my present petition, and whatever else I may stand in need of, obtain for me also of thy dear Son, our Lord and our God, a lively faith, a firm hope, a perfect charity, a true contrition of heart, unfeigned tears of compunction, a sincere confession, an abstinence from sin, a love of God and my neighbor, a contempt of the world, and patience under all affronts and ignominies; nay, even, if necessary, an opprobrious death itself, for the love of my Saviour Jesus Christ. Obtain likewise for me, O sacred Mother of God! perseverance in good works, the performance of good resolutions, the mortification of self-will, a pious conversation through life, and, at my last moments, a strong and sincere repentance, accompanied by such a lively and attentive presence of mind as may enable me to receive the last sacraments of the Church worthily, and die in thy friendship and favor. Lastly obtain, I beseech thee, for the souls of my parents, brethren, relations, and benefactors, both living and dead, life everlasting. Amen.

Six Prayers of St. Bridget.

To be said in honor of the sacred Wounds of our Blessed Saviour

1. O most sweet Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal sweetness of those who love thee, the joy, desire, and firm hope of the hopeless; solace of the sorrowful, and most merciful lover of all penitent sinners; who hast said, thy delight is to be with the sons of men; for the love of whom thou didst assume human nature in the fulness of time: remember, most sweet Lord Jesus, all those sharp sorrows which did pierce thy sacred soul, from the first instant of thy incarnation, until the time of thy sorrowful passion, preordained from all eternity: remember, O most amiable Saviour, all that bitter anguish thou didst suffer, when at thy last supper thou didst wash the feet of thy disciples, didst feed them with the sacred banquet of thy precious body and blood, and most sweetly comforting them, didst foretell them thy ensuing passion; after which, going to Mount Olivet, thou saidst, *My soul is sorrowful unto death.* Remember, I beseech thee, O most sweet Saviour, that bitter grief and anguish which thy sacred soul did suffer when, praying three several times to thy heavenly Father, thou didst sweat water and blood, thou wast betrayed by thy own disciple, apprehended by thy chosen people, accused by false witnesses, unjustly arraigned before three judges, and in thy chosen city, in the Paschal solemnity, in the flourishing age of thy youth, wrongfully condemned, bound, beaten, spurned, spit upon, despoiled of thy garments, and clothed with others in scorn; wast blindfolded, buffeted, spit upon again, bound naked to a pillar, most cruelly scourged, crowned with thorns, struck with a reed, and afflicted with innumerable other torments, pains, and injuries. O my Lord Jesus, by the memory and merit of all that bitter pain and anguish, before thou breathedst thy last upon the cross, vouchsafe to grant me before my death, true contrition, entire confession,

a flowing fountain of tears, full satisfaction, and p.enal remission of all my sins. Amen.

O most gracious Lord Jesus, be propitious to me sinner.

Our Father, &c. Hail, Mary, &c.

2. O most sweet Lord Jesus, ever-flowing fountain of heavenly delights, remember, I beseech thee, that grief and sorrow which thou didst suffer when thy cruel enemies, like fierce lions, with furious and dreadful looks compassing thee round about, did tear off thy hair, spit upon thy sacred face, scratch, buffet thee, and with all manner of unheard-of injuries, outrages, and torments, did most cruelly and basely blaspheme, scorn, and affront thee. O most sweet Lord Jesus, by all those most barbarous and inhuman outrages which thou didst suffer, vouchsafe to deliver me from all my enemies, visible and invisible, that, protected under the shadow of thy wings, I may safely arrive at the port of eternal glory. Amen.

O most gracious Lord Jesus, &c.

3. O most sweet Lord Jesus, omnipotent creator and fabricator of the world, and repairer of mankind, who containest both heaven and earth in thy hand, and whose immensity no bounds can limit: remember, I beseech thee, that bitter pain and anguish which thou didst endure, when the perfidious Jews pierced thy delicate and tender hands and feet with most rough and blunt nails, stretching them forth violently with cords to the holes they had made in the cross. Thus they heaped dolours upon dolours, most cruelly disjuncting all thy bones, breaking all thy veins, and renewing all thy sacred wounds. O most sweet Jesus, by the memory of all these pains and torments on the cross, vouchsafe to give me thy fear and 073, with perfect charity towards my neighbor. Amen.

O most pious Lord Jesus, &c.

4. O most sweet Lord Jesus, heavenly physician of human nature, and eternal king; remember, I beseech thee, all those bitter pains which thou didst endure in

thy sacred members, who being raised up upon the cross with all thy precious body rent and torn, all thy bones being so disjointed, that not one remained in its right place; not having, from the crown of thy head unto the soles of thy feet, any part left whole, so that no dolor could be compared to thine; at which time being un-mindful of thine own torments, thou didst mercifully pray to thy heavenly Father for thy cruel enemies, saying, *Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do*; O most meek and merciful Lord Jesus, by this thy admirable benignity, goodness, love, and mercy, and by all thy bitter pains and torments, grant that the memory of thy dolorous passion may be to me a most powerful protection of my soul and body, against all the deceits, temptations, and molestations of the devils, my cruel enemies. Amen.

O most merciful Lord Jesus, &c.

5. O most sweet Lord Jesus Christ, mirror of eternal brightness, and wisdom of the omnipotent Father, remember the bitter grief and sorrow thy sacred soul did feel, when beholding in the clear mirror of thy divine presence the predestination of the elect, who through the merits of thy most wholesome passion were to be saved, and the reprobation of the wicked, who for their ingratitude were to be damned, and the abyss of thy immense mercy, by which thou didst commiserate and shed tears for us miserable, lost, forlorn sinners; and chiefly by that mercy thou didst show to the thief upon the cross, saying to him, *This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise*, I beseech thee, O most sweet Lord Jesus, my Lord and my God, to show the like mercy to me, now, and at the hour of my death. Amen.

O most sweet Lord Jesus, &c.

6. O most sweet Lord Jesus, omnipotent king and most amiable friend, remember the bitter grief and sorrow thy sacred soul did suffer, when, being forsaken by all thy friends and acquaintances, thou didst hang naked, rent, and torn, upon the cross, not having any to comfort or compassionate thee, but only the blessed Virgin

Mary, thy mother, who, standing under the cross, in the bitterness of her soul, accompanied thee in all thy torments, unto whom thou didst commend thy beloved disciple St. John in thy place, saying unto her, *Woman, behold thy son!* and after to that disciple, *Behold thy mother!* O most sweet Lord Jesus, by that sword which did then transpierce her sacred soul, and by the tender love and compassion wherewith thou didst behold the sad distress of thy sorrowful mother, have pity and compassion on me, I beseech thee, my dearest Lord, and mercifully help, comfort, succor, and assist me in all my tribulations, adversities, necessities, sorrows, and sufferings, both spiritual and corporal. Amen.

O most blessed Lord Jesus, &c.

Prayers for a Happy Death.

✠ In the name of the Father, &c.

Open thou our lips, O Lord, to bless thy holy name; cleanse our hearts from all our wandering and distracting thoughts; enlighten our understandings, and inflame our wills, that we may perform this holy exercise with due attention and devotion, and deserve to be heard in the presence of thy divine Majesty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,

All ye holy Angels and Archangels,

St. Abel,

St. Abraham,

St. John the Baptist,

All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,

} pray for us.

All ye holy Disciples of our Lord,
 All ye holy Innocents,
 St. Stephen,
 St. Laurence,
 All ye holy Martyrs,
 St. Silvester,
 St. Gregory
 St. Austin,
 All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,
 St. Bennet,
 St. Francis,
 All ye holy Monks and Hermits,
 St. Mary Magdalen,
 St. Lucy,
 All ye holy Virgins and Widows,
 All ye Saints of God, make intercession for us.
 Be merciful unto us, and spare us, O Lord.
 Be merciful unto us, and hear us, O Lord.
 From thy anger,
 From an unprovided death,
 From the pains of hell,
 From all evil,
 From the power of the devil,
 By any nativity,
 By thy cross and passion,
 By thy death and burial,
 By thy glorious resurrection,
 By thy admirable ascension,
 By the grace of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
 In the day of judgment.
 We sinners, beseech thee to hear us.
 That thou spare us, we beseech thee to hear us.
 Lord, have mercy on us.
 Christ, have mercy on us.
 Lord, have mercy on us.

pray for us.

O Lord, deliver us.

Let us pray

O God of mercy, strengthen us thy servants in thy heavenly grace, that at the hour of our death the enemy

may not prevail over us, and that we may deserve to be conducted by thy angels into everlasting life, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty and most merciful Creator, who, to refresh thy thirsting people in the desert, didst command streams of water to flow from the hard rock; touch, we beseech thee, our stony hearts, and give us tears of perfect contrition, that we may detest all sin, and thirst after the blissful and glorious sight of thee, our God, the Father the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world, behold prostrate at thy feet a most ungrateful and perfidious creature. O my God, I have offended thee exceedingly in thought, word, and deed. My heinous crimes fixed thee to the bloody cross. To rescue me from eternal damnation, thou didst endure an agony of three hours on Mount Calvary. I am astonished and confounded at thy unwearied patience in supporting a most provoking and wilful sinner. From the very bottom of my heart I detest all my sins; and because I love thee, and will love thee above all created things, I steadfastly purpose, by the help of thy grace, never to offend thee more; rather to die than commit one mortal sin. Amen.

O Jesus, who, in thy prayer to thy Father in the garden of Gethsemani, wast filled with anguish and sorrow, which forced from thy trembling body drops of blood trickling to the ground; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast betrayed by the kiss of Judas into the hands of thy enemies, wast seized and bound like a thief, and abandoned by thy disciples; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who, by the unjust verdict of the Jews, wast found guilty of death, brought like a malefactor before the tribunal of Pilate, mocked and derided by the impious Herod; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast stripped of thy garments, and most

inhumanly scourged at the pillar; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast crowned with thorns, blindfolded, buffeted, struck with a reed, clothed in derision with a purple garment, and in many other ways mocked and reviled; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast reputed more criminal than Barabbas, a murderer, rejected by the Jews, and condemned to the ignominious death of the Cross; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast loaded with a heavy cross, and led like an innocent lamb to the place of execution; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast crucified between two thieves, derided, blasphemed, and made to endure most horrid torments from the sixth to the ninth hour; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who didst expire on the cross, in the presence of thy holy Mother, before whose eyes thy sacred side was opened with a spear, whence issued forth water and blood; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast taken down from the cross and bathed in the tears of thy most sorrowful Mother; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

O Jesus, who wast covered in every part with wounds and bruises, embalmed with spices, and laid in the sepulchre; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

Let us pray.

O God, who for the redemption of mankind didst vouchsafe to be born, to be circumcised, to be rejected by the Jews, to be betrayed by a kiss, to be fettered like a malefactor, and like an innocent lamb to be led to slaughter, to be ignominiously brought before Annas

Caiaphas, Pilate, and Herod, to be accused by false witnesses, to be scourged with whips, buffeted, defiled with spittle, crowned with thorns, stripped of thy clothes, fastened to a cross, placed between two thieves, and to taste of vinegar and gall; by these most grievous pains, which I, however unworthy, do commemorate, and by thy most sacred death and passion, deliver me from the pains of hell, and conduct me whither thy mercy did conduct the penitent thief, who was crucified with thee, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest forever. Amen.

Prayers on the Five Wounds of our Saviour.

O Lord Jesus Christ, I most humbly adore the most sacred wound in thy left foot. I give thee thanks for that cruel pain, suffered with so much love and charity. I condole with thee in thy torments, and with thy most afflicted Mother. I humbly beg pardon for all my sins, which I lament more than all imaginable evils, because they offend thee, O infinite goodness! And I resolve never more to sin. O! bring with me all sinners to a true conversion, and give them light to discover the heinousness and the enormity of a mortal sin.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

O Lord Jesus Christ, I humbly adore the most sacred wound in thy right foot. I give thee thanks for that cruel pain, endured with so much love and charity. I condole with thee in thy torments, and with thy most afflicted Mother. Grant me strength against all temptations, and prompt obedience in the execution of thy Divine will. Comfort, O Jesus, all poor, miserable afflicted, tempted, and persecuted persons. Most just Judge, govern those who administer justice, and assist all laborers in the care of souls, whether among Christians or Infidels.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

O Lord Jesus Christ, I humbly adore the most sacred wound in thy left hand. I give thee thanks for that

cruel pain, endured with so much love and charity. I condole with thee in thy sufferings, and with thy most afflicted Mother. Deliver me from the pains of hell, and grant me patience and conformity to thy blessed wil. in all the adversities of this life. I offer unto thee all my exterior and interior sufferings, in satisfaction for my sins, which have so often deserved eternal torments. Pardon all my enemies, and others ill-affected towards me. Bless the sick with patience and health; and support, with thy assisting grace, all who are in their agony, that they may not perish.

Our Father, &c.

O Lord Jesus Christ, I humbly adore the most sacred wound in thy right hand. I give thee thanks for that cruel pain, endured for me with so much love and charity. I condole with thee in thy torments, and with thy most afflicted Mother. Grant me a firm and resolute will in all things relating to my salvation. Bless me with the grace of final perseverance, to secure the enjoyment of that glory which was purchased with the price of thy most precious blood. Grant likewise, O Jesus, peace and relief to the souls in purgatory; and daily advance thy holy servants in this world, in the paths of virtue and perfection (especially those who are of this confraternity).

Our Father, &c.

O Lord Jesus Christ, I most humbly adore the sacred wound in thy blessed side. I give thee thanks for the exceeding love manifested towards us at the opening of thy sacred heart. Grant me a pure and perfect charity, that loving thee above all things, and all things for thy sake, my soul may breathe its last in the purest sentiments of divine love. I humbly beg of thee, O Jesus, to protect thy holy Catholic Church, to direct thy governing Vicar upon earth, and all ecclesiastical orders and pious persons who are instrumental in bringing souls to their duty. Preserve in thy holy service all Christian kings and princes. Bring back into the way of salvation all those who have gone astray, whether

through malice or ignorance. Subject unto thy sacred yoke all infidels, heretics, and all the enemies of thy holy Name.

Our Father, &c.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, God of my heart; by those five wounds, which thy love for us inflicted on thee, succor thy servants whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Amen.

Most merciful Redeemer; by those ineffable torments, and the immense grief which thou wast pleased to suffer for me, a contemptible creature, especially when thy blessed soul was bitterly separated from thy body, I humbly beseech thee to secure my soul at the hour of its departure, and comfort me then, as thou didst the penitent thief, with the blessed assurance that I shall be with thee in Paradise. Amen.

Let us say thrice the "Our Father," and the "Hail, Mary," in memory of the three hours our Redeemer hung upon the cross, for the souls of the faithful departed in this congregation. "Our Father," &c.

Let us say once the "Our Father," and the "Hail, Mary," for such as are in the deplorable state of mortal sin. "Our Father," &c.

Let us likewise say once the "Our Father," and the "Hail, Mary," for the person who is to die next in this congregation, that he may depart happily, fortified with the holy sacraments of the Church. "Our Father," &c.

Let us dispose ourselves, by acts of perfect contrition and pure love of God, to receive profitably the Benediction of our Lord and Saviour, in the adorable Sacrament of the Altar.

O merciful Redeemer, and God of infinite patience; great is my confusion at appearing in thy Divine presence, because I have so frequently preferred vile and contemptible creatures before thee, the Almighty Creator of the universe.

I, who am but a miserable worm of the earth, do

utterly detest my presumption in sinning in thy most pure sight. I acknowledge that I am a notorious criminal, and I plead guilty at the bar of thy dread tribunal. Thou mightest have been glorified in thy justice, by striking me suddenly dead, and condemning me to eternal flames for base indignities offered to thee; but thou wast pleased to be glorified in the high prerogative of thy mercy, by calling me back to repentance. I abhor all my crimes of thought, word, and deed, not only for the fear of punishment, and the hope of reward, but likewise for thy own sake, and because thou dost abominate them infinitely. O God of majesty and mercy, look upon the sacred marks in thy hands, feet, and side, which thou still retainest in thy glorified body, to plead in my behalf. By that tender love which induced thee to create, redeem, and sanctify me, unite the abyss of thy merits to the abyss of my misery. Strengthen my weakness, confirm this my resolution of never offending thee more. Oh, rather let me lose every thing, with life itself, than lose thy favor by mortal sin. My heart was created for thee, and I love thee more than myself. Every day of my life, and especially that on which I shall expire, I will strive to love and serve thee for thy own sake, my God and my Creator. O Saviour of perishing mankind, who openest thy hand, and fillest every creature with benediction, give me now such a blessing as thou didst bestow on thy beloved disciples, when ascending in triumph from the mountain of Olives, that I may live and die in this happy disposition. Amen.



The Psalter of Jesus.

There is no other Name under heaven given to men, whereby we must be saved."—*Acts* iv. 12.

Begin by a devout bowing of the head or genuflection, at the adorable Name of JESUS.

PART I.

"At the Name of Jesus let every knee bow, of things in heaven, of things in earth, and of things in hell; and let every tongue confess that our Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father."—*Phil.* ii. 10, 11.

First Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } have mercy on me.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }

Jesus, have mercy on me, O God of compassion, and forgive the many and great offences I have committed in thy sight.

Many have been the follies of my life, and great are the miseries I have deserved for my ingratitude.

Have mercy on me, dear Jesus, for I am weak; O Lord, heal me, who am unable to help myself.

Deliver me from setting my heart upon any of thy creatures, which may divert my eyes from continually looking up to thee.

Grant me grace henceforth, for the love of thee, to hate sin; and out of a just esteem of thee, to despise all worldly vanities.

Have mercy on all sinners, O Jesus, I beseech thee; turn their vices into virtues, and making them true observers of thy law, and sincere lovers of thee, bring them to bliss in everlasting glory. Have mercy also on the souls in purgatory, for thy bitter passion, I beseech thee, and for thy glorious name. Jesus.

O blessed Trinity, one eternal God, have mercy on me.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and forever world without end. Amen

Our Father, &c.

Hail, Mary, &c.

Second Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } help me.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }

Jesus, help me to overcome all temptations to sin, and the malice of my ghostly enemy.

Help me to spend my time in virtuous actions, and in such labors as are acceptable to thee.

To resist and repress the motions of my flesh to sloth, gluttony, and impurity.

To render my heart enamored of virtue, and inflamed with desires of thy glorious presence.

Help me to deserve and keep a good name, by a peaceful and pious living; to thy honor, O Jesus, to my own comfort, and the benefit of others.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c.

Third Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } strengthen me.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }

Jesus, strengthen me in soul and body, to please thee in doing such works of virtue as may bring me to thy everlasting joy and felicity.

Grant me a firm purpose, most merciful Saviour, to amend my life, and atone for the years past:

Those years which I have misspent to thy displeasure, in vain or wicked thoughts, words, deeds, and evil customs.

Make my heart obedient to thy will; and ready, for thy love, to perform all the works of mercy.

Grant me the gifts of the Holy Ghost, which, through a virtuous life, and a devout frequenting of thy most holy sacraments, may at length bring me to thy heavenly kingdom.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c.

Fourth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } comfort me.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }

Jesus, comfort me, and give me grace to place my chief, my only joy and felicity in thee.

Send me heavenly meditations, spiritual sweetness, and fervent desires of thy glory; ravish my soul with the contemplation of heaven, where I shall everlastingly dwell with thee.

Bring often to my remembrance thy unspeakable goodness, thy gifts, and thy great kindness shown to me.

And when thou bringest to my mind the sad remembrance of my sins, whereby I have so unkindly offended thee, comfort me with the assurance of obtaining thy grace, by the spirit of perfect penance, purging away my guilt, and preparing me for thy kingdom.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c.

Fifth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } make me constant.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }

Jesus, make me constant in faith, hope, and charity, with continuance in all virtues, and resolution not to offend thee.

Make the memory of thy passion, and of those bitter pains thou sufferedst for me, sustain my patience, and refresh me in all tribulations and adversity.

Make me ever hold fast the doctrines of thy holy Catholic Church, and be a diligent frequenter of all holy duties.

Let no false delight of this deceitful world blind me, no fleshly temptation or fraud of the devil shake my heart:

My heart, which has forever set up its rest in thee; and is resolved to give up all things for thy eternal reward.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c.

Our Lord Jesus Christ humbled himself, becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."—*Phil.* ii. 8.

Hear these my petitions, O most merciful Saviour, and grant me thy grace so frequently to repeat and consider them, that they may prove easy steps, whereby my soul may climb up to the knowledge, love, and performance of my duty to thee and to my neighbor, through the whole course of my life. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Hail, Mary, &c.

I believe in God, &c.

PART II.

At the name of Jesus," &c.—*Phil.* ii. 10, 11, as before

Sixth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } enlighten me with spiritual wisdom.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }

Jesus, enlighten me with spiritual wisdom, to know thy goodness, and all those things which are most acceptable to thee.

Grant me a clear apprehension of my only good, and direction to order my life according to it.

Grant that I may wisely proceed from virtue to virtue, till at length I arrive at the clear vision of thy glorious Majesty.

Permit me not, dear Lord, to return to those sins for

which I have sorrowed, and of which I have purged my self by confession.

Grant me grace to benefit the souls of others by my good example, and to convert those by good counsel who have used me ill.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c.

Seventh Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } grant me grace to fear thee.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }

Jesus, grant me grace inwardly to fear thee, and to avoid all occasions of offending thee.

Let the threats of the torments which shall befall sinners, the fear of losing thy love and thy heavenly inheritance, ever keep me in awe.

Let me not dare to remain in sin, but call me soon to repentance; lest through thine anger the dreadful sentence of endless death and damnation fall upon me.

May the powerful intercession of thy blessed Mother and all the saints, and, above all, thy own merits and mercy, O my Saviour, be ever between thy avenging justice and me.

Enable me, O my God, to work out my salvation with fear and trembling; and may the apprehension of thy sacred judgments render me a more humble and diligent suitor at the throne of grace.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c.

Eighth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } grant me grace truly to
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } love thee.

Jesus, grant me grace truly to love thee for thy infinite goodness, and those great bounties I have received, and hope forever to receive, from thee.

Let the remembrance of thy kindness and patience conquer the malice and evil inclinations of my perverse nature

Let the consideration of my many deliverances, and thy gracious calls and continued protection through life, shame me out of my ingratitude.

And what dost thou require of me, for and by all thy mercies, but to love thee; and why, but because thou art my only good?

O my dear Lord! my whole life shall be nothing but a desire of thee; and because I truly love thee, I will most diligently keep thy commandments.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c.

Ninth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } grant me grace to remem-
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } ber my death.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }

Jesus, grant me grace always to remember my death, and the great account I then must render; that so being kept continually disposed, my soul may depart out of this world rightly in thy grace.

Then by the gracious intercession of thy blessed Mother, and the assistance of the glorious St. Michael, deliver me from the danger of my soul's enemies; and do thou, my good angel, I beseech thee, help me at the hour of death.

Then, dear Jesus, remember thy mercy; and turn not, for my offences, thy face away from me.

Secure me against the terrors of that day, by causing me now to die daily to all earthly things, and to have my continual conversation in heaven.

Let the remembrance of thy death teach me how to esteem my life; and the memory of thy resurrection encourage me cheerfully to descend into the grave.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c.

Tenth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } send me here my purga-
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } tory.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }

Jesus, send me here my purgatory, and so prevent the

torments of that cleansing fire, which, after this life, awaits unpurged souls.

Vouchsafe to grant me those merciful crosses and afflictions, which thou seest are necessary to break off my affections from all things here below.

Since none can see thee that loves any thing but for thy sake, permit not my heart to find here any rest but in seeking after thee.

Too bitter, alas! will be the anguish of a separated soul that desires, but cannot come to thee, clogged with the heavy chains of sin.

Here then, O my Saviour, keep me continually mortified in this world; that, purged thoroughly by the fire of love, I may immediately pass into the everlasting possessions.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c.

Our Lord Jesus Christ humbled himself, becoming obedient unto death even the death of the cross."—*Phil.* ii. 8.

Hear these my petitions, &c., *as before.*

Our Father, &c.

Hail, Mary, &c.

I believe in God, &c.

PART III.

"At the name of Jesus," &c.—*Phil.* ii. 10, 11, *as before.*

Eleventh Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	} grant me grace to fly evil company.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	

Jesus, grant me grace to fly evil company; or if I chance to come among such, I beseech thee, by the merits of thy uncorrupt conversation among sinners, preserve me from being overcome by any temptations to mortal sin.

Make me, O blessed Lord, to remember a ways with
fear, that thou art present and hearest; who wilt judge
me according to our words and actions.

How, then, dare I converse with slanderers, liars, drunk
ards, or swearers, or such whose discourse is either quar-
relsome, dissolute, or vain?

Repress in me, dear Jesus, all inordinate affection for
the pleasures of taste and of the flesh; and grant me
grace to avoid all such as would excite the fire of these
unhappy appetites.

May thy power defend, thy wisdom direct, thy fatherly
pity chastise me, and make me so to live here among
men, as may fit me for the conversation of angels here-
after.

Have mercy on all sinners, Jesus, I beseech thee;
turn their vices into virtues, and having made them true
observers of thy law, and sincere lovers of thee, bring
them to bliss in everlasting glory.

Have mercy also on all the souls in purgatory, for thy
bitter passion, I beseech thee, and for thy glorious name,
Jesus.

O blessed Trinity, one eternal God, have mercy on
me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Our Father, &c.

Hail, Mary, &c.

Twelfth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	} grant me grace to call for help to thee.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	

Jesus, grant me grace in all my necessities to call for
help to thee, and faithfully to remember thy death and
resurrection for me.

Wilt thou be deaf to my cries, who wouldst lay down
thy life for my ransom? or canst thou not save me, who
wouldst take it up again for my crown?

Whom have I to invoke but thee, O my Jesus, whose

own blessed mouth has pronounced, *Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will relieve thee?*

Thou art my sure rock of defence against all kinds of enemies; thou art my ever present grace, able to strengthen me to fight and conquer.

In all my sufferings, therefore, in all my weakness and temptations, will I confidently call upon thee; hear me, O my Jesus, and when thou hearest, have mercy.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Our Father, &c.

Hail, Mary, &c.

Thirteenth Petition

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	} make me to persevere in virtue.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	

Jesus, make me to persevere in virtue and a good life; and never to draw back from serving thee, till thou bringest me to my reward in thy kingdom.

In all pious customs and holy duties, in my honest and necessary employments, continue and strengthen, O Lord, both my soul and body.

Is my life any thing but a pilgrimage upon earth towards the new Jerusalem, at which he that sits down, or turns out of the way, can never arrive?

O Jesus, make me always consider thy blessed example, through how many and great pains and how little pleasure thou pressedst on to a bitter death; because it is the way to a glorious resurrection.

Make me, O my Redeemer, seriously ponder those severe words of thine, *He only that perseveres to the end shall be saved.*

Have mercy on all sinners, &c.

Glory be to the Father &c.

Our Father, &c.

Hail. Mary, &c.

Fourteenth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } grant me grace to fix
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } my mind on thee.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }

Jesus, grant me grace to fix my mind on thee; especially in the time of prayer, when I aspire to converse directly with thee.

Control the wanderings of my mind and the affections of my heart; repress the power of my spiritual enemies who could then draw off my mind from heavenly things to thoughts and imaginations of vanity.

So shall I, with joy and gratitude, behold thee, as my deliverer from all the evils I have escaped, and as my benefactor for all the good I have received or can hope for.

I shall see that thou thy very self art my only good; and that all other things are but means ordained by thee to make me fix my mind on thee, to make me love thee more, and be eternally happy.

O beloved of my soul, absorb all my thoughts here, that I may become worthy to behold thee for evermore face to face in thy glory.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Our Father, &c.

Hail, Mary, &c

Fifteenth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } give me grace to order
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } my life to thee.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }

Jesus, give me grace to order my life to thee, heartily intending and wisely designing all the operations of my body and soul, for obtaining the reward of thy infinite bliss and eternal felicity.

For what else is this world, but a school to discipline

souls, and fit them for the other? And how are they fitted for it but by an eager desire of enjoying God, their only end?

Break my forward spirit, O Jesus; make it humble and obedient; grant me grace to depart hence with contempt for this world, and with a joyful hope of coming to thee in the next.

Let the memory of thy passion make me cheerfully embrace all occasions of suffering here for thy love: whilst my soul breathes after that blissful life, and immortal glory, which thou hast ordained in heaven for thy servants.

O Jesus, let me frequently and attentively consider that whatsoever I gain, if I lose thee, all is lost; and whatsoever I lose, if I gain thee, all is gained.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c.

‘Our Lord Jesus Christ humbled himself, becoming obedient unto death even the death of the cross.’—*Phil.* ii. 8.

Hear these my petitions. &c.. *as before.*

Our Father, &c.

Hail, Mary &c.

I believe in God. &c.

Prayers for the Stations.

O THE WAY OF THE CROSS.

PREPARATORY PRAYER.

The priests and acolyths, kneeling before the altar, say as follows :

O Jesus, our adorable Saviour, behold us prostrate at thy feet, imploring thy mercy for ourselves, and for the souls of all the faithful departed. Vouchsafe to apply to us the infinite merits of thy passion, on which we are now about to meditate. Grant that while we trace this path of sighs and tears, our hearts may be so touched with contrition and repentance, that we may be ready to embrace with joy all the crosses and sufferings and humiliations of this our life and pilgrimage.

V. Domine, labia mea aperies.

R. Et os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam.

V. Deus, in adiutorium meum intende.

R. Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.

V. Gloria Patri, &c.

R. Sicut erat.

V. Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord.

R. And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

V. O God, come to my assistance

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be, &c.

R. As it was, &c.

Then moving in procession to the first Station, the following versicle and response are said or sung :

V. Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi.

R. Quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemisti mundum.

V. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee.

R. Because by thy Holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

This versicle and response are repeated before each Station.

First Station.**JESUS CHRIST CONDEMNED TO DEATH.***The priest reads :*

Leaving the house of Caiaphas, where he had been blasphemed, and the house of Herod, where he had been mocked, Jesus is dragged before Pilate, his back torn with scourges, his head crowned with thorns, and he, who on the last day will judge the living and the dead, is himself condemned to a disgraceful death.

It was for us that thou didst suffer, O blessed Jesus; it was for our sins thou wast condemned to die. O grant that we may detest them from the bottom of our hearts, and by this repentance obtain thy mercy and pardon.

An Act of Contrition.

O God, we love thee with our whole hearts and above all things, and we are heartily sorry that we have offended thee. May we never offend thee any more. Oh, may we love thee without ceasing, and make it our delight to do in all things thy most holy will.

Pater. Ave. Gloria

V. Miserere nostri, Domine

R. Miserere nostri.

**V. Fidelium animæ, per
&c.**

R. Amen.

**Our Father. Hail, Mary
And Glory be to the Father.**

**V. Lord, have mercy upon
us.**

R. Have mercy upon us.

**V. May the souls of the
faithful, &c.**

R. Amen.

This Act of Contrition to be repeated after each Station.

While passing from one Station to another, a verse of the Stabat Mater is sung or said.

V. Stabat Mater dolorosa, Juxta crucem lacrymosa, Dum pendebat Filius.	At the cross her station keeping, Stood the mournful Mother weeping, Close to Jesus to the last.
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If many persons perform the Via Crucis, the priests, or one part of the people, may sing the verses in order, and the rest of the people repeat after each verse :

R. Sancta Mater, istud agas, Crucifixi fige plagas Cordi meo valide.	Holy Mother ! pierce me through ; In my heart each wound renew Of my Saviour crucified.
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Or this verse alone may be sung after each Station.

Second Station.

JESUS RECEIVES THE CROSS.

V. Adoramus te, &c.	V. We adore thee, &c
R. Quia per sanctam, &c.	R. Because, &c.

Priest.

A heavy cross is laid upon the bruised shoulders of Jesus. He receives it with meekness, nay, with a secret joy, for it is the instrument with which he is to redeem the world.

Prayer.

O Jesus ! grant us, by virtue of thy cross, to embrace with meekness and cheerful submission the difficulties of our state, and to be ever ready to take up our cross and follow thee.

Act of Contrition, &c., as before.

V. Cujus animam gementem, Contristatam, et dolentem, Pertransiuit gladius.	Through her heart, his sorrow sharing, All his bitter anguish bearing.
† Sancta Mater &c	Now at length the sword had pass'd Holy Mother, &c.

Third Station.

**JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME UNDER THE WEIGHT OF
THE CROSS.**

V. Adoramus te, &c.

V. We adore thee, &c.

R. Quia per, &c.

R. Because, &c.

Priest.

Bowed down under the weight of the cross, Jesus slowly sets forth on the way to Calvary, amidst the mockeries and insults of the crowd. His agony in the garden has exhausted his body; he is sore with blows and wounds; his strength fails him; he falls to the ground under the cross.

Prayer.

O Jesus! who for our sins didst bear the heavy burden of the cross, and fell under its weight, may the thoughts of thy sufferings make us watchful over ourselves, and save us from any grievous fall into sin.

Act of Contrition, &c., as before.

V. O quam tristis et afflicta

Fuit illa benedicta

Mater unigeniti!

R. Sancta Mater, &c.

Oh, how sad and sore distress'd

Was that Mother highly blest

Of the sole-begotten one!

Holy Mother, &c.

Fourth Station.

JESUS IS MET BY HIS BLESSED MOTHER.

V. Adoramus te, &c.

V. We adore thee, &c.

R. Quia per, &c.

R. Because, &c.

Still burdened with his cross, and wounded yet more by his fall, Jesus proceeds on his way. He is met by his Mother. What a meeting must that have been! What a sword of anguish must have

pierced that Mother's bosom! What must have been the compassion of that Son for his holy Mother!

Prayer.

O Jesus! by the compassion which thou didst feel for thy Mother, have compassion on us, and give us a share in her intercession. O Mary, most afflicted Mother! intercede for us, that through the sufferings of thy Son we may be delivered from the wrath to come.

Act of Contrition, &c., as before

Pater, Ave, &c., as before.

¶ Quæ morebat et dolebat ;	Christ above in torments hangs ;
Via Mater, cum videbat	She beneath beholds the pangs
Nati penas inclyti.	Of her dying glorious Son.
¶ Sancta Mater, &c.	Holy Mother, &c.

Fifth Station.

THE CROSS IS LAID UPON SIMON OF CYRENE.

V. Adoramus te, &c.	V. We adore thee, &c.
R. Quia per, &c.	R. Because, &c.

Priest.

As the strength of Jesus fails, and he is unable to proceed, the executioners seize and compel Simon of Cyrene to carry his cross. The virtue of that cross changed his heart, and from a compulsory task it became a privilege and a joy.

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus! may it be our privilege also to bear thy cross; may we glory in nothing else; by it may the world be crucified unto us, and we unto the world: may we never shrink from sufferings,

but rather rejoice if we may be counted worthy to suffer for thy name's sake.

Act of Contrition, &c., as before.

Pater noster, &c., as before.

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| <i>V.</i> Quis est homo qui non fletet,
Matrem Christi si videret
In tanto supplicio? | Is there one who would not weep
Whelm'd in miseries so deep
Christ's dear Mother to behold; |
| <i>R.</i> Sancta Mater, &c. | Holy Mother, &c. |

Sixth Station.

THE FACE OF JESUS IS WIPED BY VERONICA.

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| <i>V.</i> Adoramus te, &c. | <i>V.</i> We adore thee, &c. |
| <i>R.</i> Quia per, &c. | <i>R.</i> Because, &c. |

Priest.

As Jesus proceeds on the way, covered with the sweat of death, a woman, moved with compassion, makes her way through the crowd, and wipes his face with a handkerchief. As a reward of her piety, the impression of his sacred countenance is miraculously imprinted upon the handkerchief.

Prayer.

O Jesus! may the contemplation of thy sufferings move us with the deepest compassion, make us to hate our sins, and kindle in our hearts more fervent love to thee. May thy image be graven on our minds, until we are transformed into thy likeness.

Act of Contrition, &c., as before.

Pater noster, &c., as before.

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| <i>V.</i> Quis non posset contristari
Piam Matrem contemplari
Dolentem cum Filio; | Can the human heart refrain
From partaking in her pain,
In that Mother's pain untold! |
| <i>R.</i> Sancta Mater &c. | Holy Mother &c. |

Seventh Station

JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME.

V. Adoramus te, &c.**V.** We adore thee, &c.**R.** Quia per, &c.**R.** Because, &c.*Priest.*

The pain of his wound, and the loss of blood, increasing at every step of his way, again his strength fails him, and Jesus falls to the ground a second time.

Prayer.

O Jesus ! falling again under the burden of our sins, and of thy sufferings for our sins, how often have we grieved thee by our repeated falls into sin Oh, may we rather die than ever offend thee again.

*Act of Contrition, &c., as before**Pater noster, &c., as before.*

V. Pro peccatis sue gentis
Vidit Jesum in tormentis,

Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled,
She beheld her tender Child

M. flagellis subditum.

All with bloody scourges rent.

R. Sancta Mater. &c.

Holy Mother. &c.

Eighth Station

THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM MOURN FOR OUR LORD.

V. Adoramus te, &c.**V.** We adore thee, &c.**R.** Quia per, &c.**R.** Because, &c.*Priest.*

At the sight of the sufferings of Jesus, some holy women in the crowd were so touched with sympathy, that they openly bewailed and lamented him. Jesus, knowing the things that were to come to pass upon Jerusalem because of their rejection of him, turned to them and said, " Daughters of

Jerusalem, weep not over me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus ! we mourn, and will mourn, both for thee and for ourselves, for thy sufferings and for our sins which caused them. Oh, teach us to mourn, that we may be comforted, and escape those dreadful judgments prepared for all who reject or neglect thee in this life.

Act of Contrition, &c., as before.

Pater noster, &c., as before.

V. Vidit suum dulcem Natum	For the sins of his own nation
Moriendo desolatum,	She saw him hang in desolation
Dum emisit spiritum.	Till his spirit forth he sent.
R Sancta Mater, &c.	Holy Mother, &c.

Ninth Station.

JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME UNDER THE CROSS.

V. Adoramus te, &c.	V. We adore thee, &c.
R. Quia per, &c.	R. Because, &c.

Priest.

Jesus had now arrived almost at the summit of Calvary ; but before he reached the spot where he was to be crucified, his strength again fails him, and he falls the third time, to be again dragged up, and goaded onward by the brutal soldiery.

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus ! we entreat thee, by the merits of this thy third most painful fall, to pardon our frequent relapses and our long continuance in sin ; and

may the thought of these thy sufferings make us
to hate our sins more and more

Act of Contrition, &c., as before.

Pater noster, &c., as before.

*V. Ma Mater, fons amoris,
Me sentire vim doloris
Fac, ut tecum lugeam.
R. Sancta Mater, &c.*

*O thou Mother, foun of love!
Touch my spirit from above,
Make my heart with thine accord.
Holy Mother, &c.*

Tenth Station.

JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS.

*V. Adoramus te, &c.
R. Quia per, &c.*

*V. We adore thee, &c.
R. Because, &c.*

Priest.

Arrived at last at the place of sacrifice, they prepare to crucify him. His garments are torn from his bleeding body, and he, the Holy of holies, stands exposed to the vulgar gaze of the rude and scoffing multitude.

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus! thou didst endure this shame for our most shameful deeds. Strip us, we beseech thee, of all false shame, conceit, and pride, and make us so to humble ourselves voluntarily in this life, that we may escape everlasting ignominy in the world to come.

Act of Contrition, &c., as before.

Pater noster, &c., as before.

*V. fac ut ardeat cor meum
In amando Christum Deum,
Ut sibi complaciam.
R. Sancta Mater, &c.*

*Make me feel as thou hast felt;
Make my soul to glow and melt
With the love of Christ my Lord
Holy Mother, &c.*

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Eleventh Station.

JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS.

V. Adoramus te, &c.**V.** We adore thee &c.**R.** Quia per, &c.**R.** Because, &c.*Priest.*

The cross is laid upon the ground, and Jesus is stretched upon his bed of death. At one and the same time, he offers his bruised limbs to his heavenly Father in behalf of sinful man, and to his fierce executioners to be nailed by them to the cross-graceful wood. The blows are struck! the blood gushes forth!

Prayer.

O Jesus! nailed to the cross, fasten our hearts there also, that they may be united to thee until death shall strike us with its fatal blow, and with our last breath we shall have yielded up our souls to thee.

*Act of Contrition, &c., as before.**Pater noster, &c., as before.*

V. Sancta Mater, istud agas.
Crucifigi fige plagas
Cordi meo valide.

Holy Mother! pierce me through
In my heart each wound renew
Of my Saviour crucified.

R. Sancta Mater, &c.

Holy Mother, &c.

Twelfth Station.

JESUS DIES UPON THE CROSS.

V. Adoramus te, &c.**V.** We adore thee, &c.**R.** Quia per, &c.**R.** Because, &c.*Priest.*

For three hours has Jesus hung upon his transfixed hands; his blood has run in streams down

his body, and bedewed the ground; and, in the midst of excruciating sufferings, he has pardoned his murderers, promised the bliss of Paradise to the good thief, and committed his blessed Mother and beloved disciple to each other's care. All is now consummated; and meekly bowing down his head, he gives up the ghost.

Prayer.

O Jesus! we devoutly embrace that honored cross, where thou didst love us even unto death. In that death we place all our confidence. Henceforth let us live only for thee; and in dying for thee, let us die loving thee, and in thy sacred arms.

Act of Contrition, &c., as before

Pater noster, &c., as before.

V. Tui Nati vulnerati,
Tam dignati pro me pati,
Poenas mecum divide.
R. Sancta Mater, &c.

Let me share with thee his pain,
Who for all my sins was slain,
Who for me in torments died
Holy Mother, &c.

Thirteenth Station.

JESUS IS LAID IN THE ARMS OF HIS BLESSED MOTHER.

V. Adoramus te, &c.
R. Quia per, &c.

V. We adore thee &c.
R. Because. &c.

Priest.

The multitude have left the heights of Calvary, and none remain save the beloved disciple and the holy women, who, at the foot of the cross, are striving to stem the grief of Christ's inconsolable Mother. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus take down the body of her divine Son from the cross, and deposit it in her arms.

Prayer.

O thou, whose grief was boundless as an ocean that hath no limits, Mary, Mother of God, give us a share in thy most holy sorrow in the sufferings of thy Son, and have compassion on our infirmities. Accept us as thy children with the beloved disciple. Show thyself a Mother unto us; and may he, through thee, receive our prayer, who for us vouchsafed to be thy Son.

Act of Contrition, &c., as before.

Pater noster, &c., as before.

V. Fac me tecum pie flere,
Crucifixo condolere,
Donec ego vixero.
R. Sancta Mater, &c.

Let me mingle tears with thee,
Mourning him who mourned for me,
All the days that I may live
Holy Mother, &c.

Fourteenth Station.

JESUS IS LAID IN THE SEPULCHRE.

V. Adoramus te, &c.
R. Quia per, &c.

V. We adore thee, &c.
R. Because, &c.

Priest.

The body of her dearly-beloved Son is taken from his Mother, and laid by the disciples in the tomb. The tomb is closed, and there the lifeless body remains until the hour of its glorious resurrection.

Prayer.

We too, O God, will descend into the grave whenever it shall please thee, as it shall please thee, and wheresoever it shall please thee. Let thy just decrees be fulfilled; let our sinful bodies return to their parent dust; but do thou, in thy great

mercy, receive our immortal souls, and when our bodies have risen again, place them likewise in thy kingdom, that we may love and bless thee forever and ever. Amen.

Act of Contrition, &c., as before

Pater noster, &c., as before.

P. Juxta crucem tecum stare,
Et me tibi sociare
In planctu desidero.
R. Sancta Mater, &c.

By the cross with thee to stay ;
There with thee to weep and pray,
Is all I ask of thee to give.
Holy Mother, &c.

The Benediction is then given, after which the following antiphon and prayer are sung :

Ant. Christus factus est
pro nobis obediens usque ad
mortem, mortem autem cru-
cis.

Ant. Christ was made for
us obedient unto death, even
the death of the cross.

Oremus.

Respice, quæsumus, Do-
mine, super hanc familiam
tuam, pro qua Dominus nos-
ter Jesus Christus non dubi-
tavit manibus tradi nocen-
tium, et crucis subire tormen-
tum. Qui vivis et regnas in
secula sæculorum.

Let us pray.

Look down, O Lord, we
beseech thee, upon this thy
family, for which our Lord
Jesus Christ did not refuse
to be delivered into the hands
of wicked men, and to endure
the torment of the cross ;
who liveth and reigneth with
thee in the unity of the Holy
Ghost, God forever and ever.
Amen.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

*When the Benediction is given with the Cross of the Pas-
sion, the following order is to be observed.*

Benediction with the Cross of the Passion.

Cantor. Jube, Domine,
benedicere.

Cantor. Grant us, O Lord,
a blessing.

Priest. Benedicat vos Do-
minus noster Jesus Christus,

Priest. May our Lord Jesus
Christ bless us, who for us

qui pro nobis flagellatus est, was scourged, loaded with
 crucem portavit, et fuit cruci- his cross, and crucified
 fixus.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

Via Crucis, or Prayers for the Stations.

ANOTHER FORM FOR PRIVATE USE.

Preparatory Prayer.

Receive, O holy Trinity, this my dutiful service, which I offer unto thee in union with the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Virgin, and all the Saints, to the glory of thy divine majesty, in satisfaction for my sins, in remembrance of our redemption, and to obtain for the departed rest, for the living grace, and for all everlasting glory. To thee be praise, and honor, and glory, O blessed Trinity, forever and ever. Amen.

Station First.

CHRIST IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

He willingly submitted to that unjust judgment, that he might deliver thee from the sentence of everlasting damnation.

Ant. The wicked have said, reasoning with themselves, but not right: Let us lie in wait for the just, for he is contrary to our doing: he boasteth that he hath the knowledge of God, and calleth God his Father. Let us see if his words be true. If he be indeed the Son of God, he will deliver him out of our hands. Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord,
have mercy.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. God spared not his own Son.

R. But delivered him up for us all.

V. He was offered up, because he himself de-
sired it.

R. And he opened not his mouth.

V. Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who out of the bosom of the Father didst descend from heaven to earth, and didst shed thy most precious blood for the remission of our sins; we humbly beseech thee, that in the day of judgment we may be found worthy to stand at thy right hand, and to hear thee say unto us, "Come, ye blessed," &c. Who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God forever and ever. Amen.

Station Second.

THE CROSS IS LAID UPON CHRIST.

"The wicked have wrought upon my back."
(Ps. cxxviii.) Hail, our King! thou only hadst pity
on our sins, and wast led, in obedience to thy Father,
to be crucified, and as a gentle lamb to the slaughter.
To thee be glory, hosanna; to thee be triumph and
victory; to thee the crown of highest praise and
honor.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord,
have mercy.

Our Father. Hail, Mary

V. The chastisement of our peace was upon him.

R. And by his bruises we are healed.

V. The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

R. For the wickedness of his people hath he struck him.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Prayer as before.

Station Third.

CHRIST FALLS THE FIRST TIME UNDER THE CROSS.

How great must be the weight of our sins, under which he fell, who bears all things by the word of his power!

Ant. Our Lord Jesus Christ humbled himself unto death, even the death of the cross; for which cause God also hath exalted him, and hath given him a name which is above all names.

Lord, have mercy, &c.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. Surely he hath borne our infirmities.

R. And carried our sorrows.

V. He was branded for our iniquities.

R. He was bruised for our sins.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Station Fourth.

CHRIST IS MET ON HIS WAY BY HIS BLESSED MOTHER AND ST. JOHN.

Oh, how sharp a sword of grief must have pierced the heart of his Mother, and of his loving disci-

ple, when they met Jesus thus ! Dost thou, too, share with them their sorrow and grief ?

Ant. Oh, all ye that pass by, attend and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow : therefore do I weep, and my eyes run down with water, because the Comforter, the relief of my soul, is far from me. My eyes have failed for weeping ; my bowels are troubled ; my heart is turned within me ; for the desolation of my Son, because the enemy hath prevailed.

Lord, have mercy, &c.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. Great as the sea is thy grief.

R. Who shall heal thee ?

V. A sword of grief hath pierced thine own soul.

R. That out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

Station Fifth.

THE CROSS IS LAID UPON SIMON OF CYRENE.

This man was compelled to carry the cross after Jesus. How great an honor to have carried it willingly ! Art thou ready to bear the cross of Christ ?

Ant. It behooveth us to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, who is our life and resurrection, and through whom we are saved and delivered.

Lord, have mercy, &c.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R. By whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

V. O faithful cross, thou peerless tree!

R. No forest yields the like of thee, leaf, flower or bud.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

Station Sixth.

CHRIST IS MET BY VERONICA.

How excellent a mirror did Veronica obtain in the image of the face of Christ! Do thou ever contemplate thyself in that mirror.

Ant. Behold, we have seen him without beauty or comeliness, despised and the most abject of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with infirmity, and his look was as it were hidden and despised; whereupon we esteemed him not. His appearance is without honor among the living, and his beauty among the sons of men; yet he is beautiful above all the children of men; by whose bruises we are healed.

Lord, have mercy, &c.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. O Lord God of Hosts, correct us.

R. Show us thy face, and we shall be saved.

V. Turn not away thy face from us.

R. Neither leave thy servants in displeasure.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

Station Seventh.

CHRIST FALLS DOWN AT THE GATE OF JUDGMENT.

How wilt thou be able to stand before him in the day of judgment?

Ant. They delivered me into the hands of the ungodly, and thrust me among the wicked, and did not spare my soul. The strong men gathered themselves against me, and stood over me like giants, gazing upon me with fierce looks; and beating me with cruel stripes, they mocked me.

Lord, have mercy, &c.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. But I am a worm, and no man.

R. The scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.

V. All they that see me laugh at me.

R. They spake against me with their lips, and wagged their heads.

V. Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

Station Eighth.

WOMEN LAMENT OVER CHRIST.

Where are the tears with which thou dost bewail thy sins, rather than the loss of any earthly good?

Ant. Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For, behold, the days shall come in which they say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that have not borne, and the paps that have not given suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, *Fall* upon us ; and to the hills, *Cover* us. For if in the green wood they do these things, what shall be done in the dry ?

Lord, have mercy, &c.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. The breath of our nostrils, Christ the Lord,

R. Is taken in our sins.

V. The crown of our head hath fallen.

R. Woe unto us, for we have sinned.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

Station Ninth.

CHRIST FALLS FOR THE LAST TIME AT MOUNT CALVARY.

Oh, how often is Christ pressed down by the weight of our sins !

Ant. O my people, what have I done to thee, or wherein have I molested thee ? Answer thou me. I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and thou hast prepared for me a cross ; I led thee through the wilderness forty years, and fed thee with manna, and thou hast beaten me with buffets and scourges ; I gave thee a royal sceptre, and thou hast given my head a crown of thorns. What could I have done more for thee, that I have not done ?

Lord, have mercy, &c.

Our Father. Hail, Mary

V. He is led like a sheep to the slaughter.

R. And as a lamb before his shearers, he is dumb.

V. He delivered his soul unto death,

R. That he might give life unto his people.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

Station Tenth.

CHRIST IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS, AND IS GIVEN
VINEGAR AND GALL TO DRINK.

Art thou unkind and inconsiderate to the poor?
What thou dost to them, thou dost to Christ.

Ans. O my people, what have I done to thee,
or wherein have I molested thee? Answer thou
me. I brought thee out from the house of bond-
age to the promised land; and when I came to thee
from the bosom of my Father, thou didst lead me
to the death of the cross. I planted thee my
choicest vine, and thou wast made unto me exceed-
ing bitter; I gave thee to drink out of the rock the
water of salvation, and thou madest me to drink
vinegar and gall. What could I have done more
for thee, that I have not done?

Lord, have mercy, &c.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. My strength hath dried up like a potsherd.

R. And my tongue hath cleaved to my jaws.

V. They gave me gall to eat.

R. And when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

Station Eleventh.

**CHRIST IS FASTENED TO THE CROSS WITH DREADFUL
NAILS.**

How strong are the bands of love with which Jesus hath bound himself unto thee! How dost thou bind thyself in return unto him?

Ant. O my people, what have I done unto thee? I exalted thee with great power, and thou didst hang me on the gibbet of the cross; I made thee higher than all nations, and thou hast loaded me with reproaches and curses; I opened before thee the Red Sea, and thou hast opened my side with a spear. What could I have done more for thee, that I have not done?

Lord, have mercy, &c.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. What are these wounds in the middle of thy hands?

R. With them was I wounded in the house of those that loved me.

V. They have pierced my hands and my feet.

R. And have numbered all my bones.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

Station Twelfth.**CHRIST DIES UPON THE CROSS.**

Consider what Jesus said and did when he was dying. Oh, that thou too mayst die like him!

Ant. Behold how the just man dieth, and no man layeth it to heart; and the righteous are taken away, and no one considereth. The just man is taken away from before the face of evil, and the memory of him shall be in peace.

Lord, have mercy, &c.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. Christ became obedient unto death for us.

R. Even the death of the cross.

V. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

Station Thirteenth.

**THE BODY OF CHRIST IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS,
AND LAID UPON THE KNEES OF HIS MOTHER.**

Consider the vehement anguish of Mary's soul, when she received in her arms the dead body of her Son taken down from the cross, and laid him on her knees. Love caused her so great grief, and made her truly a martyr. What love and sympathy dost thou feel for thy Saviour?

Ant. To what shall I compare thee, or to whom shall I liken thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? To

what shall I equal thee, O virgin daughter of
Sion? Great as the sea is thy desolation. O mo-
ther of mercy, make me to share with thee the
death of Christ; make me a partaker of his passion.

Lord, have mercy, &c.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. Through thee, O Virgin Mary, may we obtain
salvation,

R. From the wounds of Christ.

V. O holy Jesus, grant me to obtain, through
thy mother,

R. The crown of victory.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

Station Fourteenth.

THE BODY OF JESUS IS BURIED.

Consider, O my soul, how the body of Jesus was
wrapped in spices, and laid in a new tomb. With
what honor dost thou receive Jesus thy Redeemer
daily, either sacramentally or spiritually? or art
thou always endeavoring to be, as it were, a new
tomb for the reception of Jesus, bright with the
beautiful ornaments of virtue?

Ant. I am counted among them that go down
to the pit; I am become as a man without help,
free among the dead. O good Jesus, I come here
with the women to thy tomb, sorrowing and lament-
ing that hitherto I have shown myself so unworthy.

confirm and establish the kingdom of thy grace in my heart.

Lord, have mercy, &c.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. My flesh shall rest in hope.

R. Thou wilt not give thy holy one to see corruption.

V. Arise, O Lord, and help me.

R. And deliver me from my sins.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

Commendation

Look down, O Lord, we beseech thee, upon this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ did not refuse to be delivered into the hands of wicked men, and to endure the torment of the cross ; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer on the holy Winding-Sheet of Christ's Body.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst leave the marks of thy passion on the holy winding-sheet, in which thy most sacred body was wrapped by Joseph when taken down from the cross ; mercifully grant, that through thy death and burial we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection ; who livest and reignest. &c.

The Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary.

THE devotion called the Rosary consists of fifteen "Pater nosters" and "Glorias," and one hundred and fifty "Ave Marias," divided into three parts; each containing five "Decades," or tens; a decade consisting of one "Pater," ten "Aves," and a "Gloria." To each of these Decades is assigned one of the principal mysteries of the life of our Saviour, or his Blessed Mother, as matter of meditation, whereon the mind is to exercise itself whilst at prayer, and therefore it is prefixed to every Decade.

The fifteen mysteries, as we have said, are divided into three parts, viz. five joyful, five sorrowful, and five glorious mysteries. Now, the method consists in raising corresponding affections in the will during the recital of each Decade, such as the devotion of each one may suggest; for example, in the first part, sentiments of *joy* for the coming of our Redeemer; in the second, of *compassion* for the sufferings of our Lord, and *contrition* for our sins, which were the occasion of them; in the third, of *thanksgiving* for the exaltation and glory of our Saviour and his Blessed Mother, hoping, through the merits of his passion, and her intercession, to be made partakers of their glory. To assist the mind in this exercise, a short meditation and prayer is usually given to be used before and after each Decade. In order to say the Rosary well, we must not be satisfied with merely pronouncing the words of the prayers, or with a vague and general reflection on the mysteries; but endeavor to acquire the habit of reciting them with great attention and reverence, at the same time dwelling in a vivid manner upon the different mysteries. In order to do this the better, it is sometimes the custom, in addition to the short meditation on the mystery, which is usually read before the recital of each Decade, and which contains, either expressed or understood, a prayer for the particular

virtue to which it has relation, to subjoin a short ejaculation in reference to the subject of the mystery, which may be inserted after the holy name of Jesus in the "Hail Marys;" or to divide the meditation into ten points, one for each "Ave." Both these methods will be found in this book.

Before beginning the Rosary, it is customary to make the sign of the cross, and say :

In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Credo in Deum, &c.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, &c.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

After the fifth mystery, in each of the three divisions, is said the "Salve Regina."

And at the end of the whole, this prayer :

Hear, O merciful God, the prayer of thy servants ; that we who meet together in the society of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, may, through her intercession, be delivered by thee from the dangers that continually hang over us ; through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Three methods of saying the Rosary are here given :

1. With a meditation and prayer on each mystery, which is that commonly used in England.

2. With a meditation and an ejaculation to be inserted after the holy name of Jesus in each "Ave;" and a prayer, which may be taken from those given at p. 213

3. By adding before each "Ave" one of the ten points to which the meditation is broken up. These, or something of a like kind, may also be advantageously used with the meditation and prayer in the First Method.

Lastly, we may observe that the reading of the meditation, ejaculation, or prayer, are only pious practices to assist in the more devout recitation of the Rosary, which consists essentially in the recitation of the vocal prayers while the mind dwells upon the subject of the mystery. The whole Rosary may even be recited in the contemplation of

any one of the mysteries in which we may feel more devotion; and in such case the indulgences attached to the Rosary would be gained; always, of course, in proportion to the greater devotion and perfection with which the office was recited.

N.B. The "Pater," "Credo," "Ave," "Gloria Patri," and "Salve Regina," will be found in Latin and English at pp. 55, 56, 57.

The Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin.



IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

R. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

V. Thou, O Lord, wilt open my lips.

R. And my tongue shall announce thy praise.

V. Incline unto my aid, O God.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

Except from Septuagesima to Easter; then for Alleluia say, Praise be to thee. O Lord, King of eternal glory.

The Five Joyful Mysteries.

I. The Annunciation.

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how the angel Gabriel saluted our Blessed Lady with the

title, "Full of grace," and declared unto her the Incarnation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory be to the Father, &c.

Let us pray.

O Holy Mary, Queen of Virgins; through the most high mystery of the Incarnation of thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, wherein our salvation was begun, obtain for us, through thy most holy intercession, light to understand the greatness of the benefit he hath bestowed upon us, in vouchsafing to become our Brother, and giving thee, his own beloved Mother, to be our Mother also. Amen.

II. *The Visitation.*

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, understanding from the angel that her cousin St. Elisabeth had conceived, went with haste into the mountains of Judea to visit her, bearing her Divine Son within her womb, and remained with her three months.

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory be, &c.

Let us pray.

O Holy Virgin, most spotless mirror of humility; by that exceeding charity which moved thee to visit thy holy cousin St. Elisabeth, obtain for us, through thine intercession, that our hearts being visited by thy Divine Son, and freed from all sin, we may praise and give thanks to him forever. Amen.

III. *The Birth of our Saviour Christ in Bethlehem.*

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, when the time of her delivery was come, brought forth our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, at midnight, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for him in the inn at Bethlehem.

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory, &c.

Let us pray.

O most pure Mother of God; through thy virginal and most joyful delivery, whereby thou gavest to the world thy only Son, our Saviour, we beseech thee obtain for us, through thine intercession, the grace to lead such pure and holy lives in this world, that we may become worthy to sing, without ceasing, the mercies of thy Son, and his benefits to us by thee. Amen.

IV. *The Presentation of our Blessed Lord in the Temple.*

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, on the day of her purification, presented the child Jesus in the Temple, where holy Simeon, giving thanks to God, with great devotion received him into his arms.

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory, &c.

Let us pray.

O Holy Virgin, most admirable mistress and pattern of obedience, who didst present the Lord of the Temple in the Temple of God; obtain for us, of thy blessed Son, that, with holy Simeon and

devout Anna, we may praise and glorify him forever. Amen.

V. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple.

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, after having lost (through no fault of hers) her beloved Son in Jerusalem, sought him for the space of three days; and at length found him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them, and asking them questions, being of the age of twelve years.

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory, &c.

Let us pray.

O most Blessed Virgin, more than martyr in thy sufferings, and yet the comfort of such as are afflicted; by that unspeakable joy wherewith thy soul was filled, when at length thou didst find thy well-beloved Son in the Temple, teaching in the midst of the doctors; obtain of him that we may so seek him and find him in his holy Catholic Church, as never more to be separated from him. Amen.

Salve Regina, &c., Hail, holy Queen, &c.; with V. and R.; and prayer, "Hear, O merciful God," &c., as given p. 191; or else, "O God, whose only begotten Son," &c., p. 217.

A SHORT METHOD OF RECITING THE ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

The JOYFUL MYSTERIES for Mondays and Thursdays.

The Annunciation—virtue of humility.

The Visitation—virtue of charity

The Nativity — virtue of detachment from the world.

The Purification — virtue of purity.

The finding of our Lord in the Temple — virtue of obedience.

The Five Sorrowful Mysteries.

I. The Prayer and Bloody Sweat of our Blessed Saviour in the Garden.

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus was so afflicted for us in the garden of Gethsemani, that his body was bathed in a bloody sweat, which ran down in great drops to the ground.

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory, &c.

Let us pray.

O most holy Virgin, more than martyr; by that ardent prayer which our beloved Saviour poured forth to his Heavenly Father in the garden, vouchsafe to intercede for us, that, our passions being reduced to the obedience of reason, we may always, and in all things, conform and subject ourselves to the holy will of God. Amen.

II. The Scourging of our Blessed Lord at the Pillar.

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ was most cruelly scourged in Pilate's house, the number of stripes they gave him being about five thousand.

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory, &c.

Let us pray.

O Mother of God, overflowing fountain of patience; through those stripes thy only and much-beloved Son vouchsafed to suffer for us, obtain of him for us grace to mortify our rebellious senses, to avoid the occasion of sin, and to be ready to suffer every thing rather than offend God. Amen.

III. *The Crowning of our Blessed Saviour with Thorns*

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how those cruel ministers of Satan plaited a crown of sharp thorns, and cruelly pressed it on the sacred head of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory, &c.

Let us pray.

O Mother of our Eternal Prince, the King of Glory; by those sharp thorns wherewith his sacred head was pierced, we beseech thee obtain, through thy intercession, that we may be delivered from all motions of pride, and escape that shame which our sins deserve at the day of judgment. Amen.

IV. *Jesus carrying his Cross.*

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, being sentenced to die, bore, with the most amazing patience, the Cross which was laid upon him for his greater torment and ignominy.

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory, &c.

Let us pray.

O Holy Virgin, example of patience; by the most painful carrying of the Cross, in which thy

Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, bore the heavy weight of our sins, obtain for us of him, through thine intercession, courage and strength to follow his steps, and bear our cross after him to the end of our lives. Amen.

V. The Crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, being come to Mount Calvary, was stripped of his clothes, and his hands and feet nailed to the Cross, in the presence of his most afflicted Mother.

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory, &c.

Let us pray.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God ; as the body of thy beloved Son was for us stretched upon the Cross, so may we offer up our souls and bodies to be crucified with him, and our hearts to be pierced with grief at his most bitter Passion ; and thou, O most sorrowful Mother, graciously vouchsafe to help us, by thy all-powerful intercession, to accomplish the work of our salvation. Amen.

Salve Regina, or Hail, holy Queen, &c.

Prayer. Hear, O merciful God, &c., or O God, whose only-begotten Son, &c.

A SHORT METHOD OF RECITING THE ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

The SORROWFUL MYSTERIES for Tuesdays and Fridays.

The agony in the garden—virtue of resignation.

The scourging of our Lord—virtue of mortification.

The crowning with thorns—virtue of humility.

The carrying the cross—virtue of patience.

The crucifixion—virtue of the love of our enemies.

The Five Glorious Mysteries.**I. *The Resurrection of our Lord from the dead.***

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, triumphing gloriously over death, rose again the third day, immortal and impassible.

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory, &c.

Let us pray.

O glorious Virgin Mary ; by that unspeakable joy thou didst receive in the resurrection of thy Divine Son, we beseech thee obtain for us of him, that our hearts may never go astray after the false joys of this world, but may be forever wholly employed in the pursuit of the only true and solid joys of heaven. Amen.

II. *The Ascension of Christ into Heaven.*

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, for forty days after his resurrection, ascended into heaven, attended by angels, in the sight and to the great admiration of his most holy Mother, and his holy Apostles and disciples.

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory, &c.

Let us pray.

O Mother of God, comforter of the afflicted ; as thy beloved Son, when he ascended into heaven, lifted up his hands and blessed his Apostles, as he was parted from them ; so vouchsafe, most holy Mother, to lift up thy pure hands to him on our behalf, that we may enjoy the benefits of his blessing, and of thine. here on earth, and hereafter in heaven. Amen.

III. *The Descent of the Holy Ghost on the Apostles.*

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how **Lord Jesus Christ**, being seated on the right hand of God, sent, as he had promised, the **Holy Ghost** upon his Apostles, who, after he was ascended, returning to Jerusalem, continued in prayer and supplication with the Blessed Virgin Mary, expecting the performance of his promise.

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory, &c.

Let us pray.

O sacred Virgin, Tabernacle of the Holy Ghost we beseech thee obtain, by thine intercession, that this most sweet Comforter, whom thy beloved Son sent down upon his Apostles, filling them thereby with spiritual joy, may teach us in this world the true way of salvation, and make us to walk in the way of virtue and good works. Amen.

IV. *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven.*

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how the glorious Virgin, twelve years after the resurrection of her Son, passed out of this world unto him, and was by him assumed into heaven, accompanied by the holy Angels.

Our Father Ten Hail Marys. Glory, &c.

Let us pray.

O most prudent Virgin, who, entering the heavenly palaces, didst fill the angels with joy and man with hope; vouchsafe to intercede for us at the hour of our death, that, being delivered from the illusions and temptations of the devil, we may joy-

fully and securely pass out of this temporal state, to enjoy the happiness of eternal life. Amen.

V. The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Heaven.

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how the glorious Virgin Mary was, to the great jubilee and exultation of the whole court of heaven, and particular glory of all the Saints, crowned by her Son with the brightest diadem of glory.

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory, &c.

Let us pray.

O glorious Queen of all the heavenly host; we beseech thee accept this Rosary, which, as a crown of roses, we offer at thy feet; and grant, most gracious Lady, that, by thy intercession, our souls may be inflamed with so ardent a desire of seeing thee so gloriously crowned, that it may never die within us, until it shall be changed into the happy fruition of thy blessed sight. Amen.

Salve Regina, or Hail, holy Queen, &c.

Prayer. Hear, O merciful God, &c., or O God, whose only-begotten Son, &c.

A SHORT METHOD OF RECITING THE ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES for Sundays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

The resurrection—virtue of faith.

The ascension—virtue of hope.

The descent of the Holy Ghost—virtue of charity.

The assumption of the blessed Virgin—virtue of union with Christ.

The crowning of the blessed Virgin and ~~saints~~—
virtue of confidence in their prayers.

SECOND METHOD.

The Five Joyful Mysteries.

I. *The Angelical Salutation.*

Let us adore the Son of God hidden within the womb of Mary, the most lowly handmaid of the Lord, *beseeking of him the virtue of humility.*

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys.

Ejaculation. Jesus, whom thou didst conceive, remaining Ever Virgin.

Glory be to the Father, &c. Prayer.

II. *The Visitation.*

Let us adore the Son of God, inspiring his most holy Mother to visit St. Elisabeth ; *beseeking of him the virtue of charity to our neighbor.*

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys.

Ejaculation. Jesus, whom thou didst bear with thee to visit St. Elisabeth.

Glory be to the Father, &c. Prayer.

III. *The Birth of Jesus Christ.*

Let us adore the Son of God, born in a poor stable, of a Mother whose only treasure was her Virginal purity ; *begging the grace of purity in soul and body.*

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys.

Ejaculation. Jesus, whom thou didst bring forth, remaining Ever Virgin.

Glory be to the Father, &c. Prayer.

IV. *The Presentation.*

Let us adore the Son of God, presented in the Temple to his heavenly Father by the hands of Mary ; *begging that our hearts may be set free from the love of all earthly things.*

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys.

Ejaculation. Jesus, by thee presented in the Temple.

Glory be to the Father, &c. Prayer.

V. *Mary finds Jesus in the Temple.*

Let us adore the Son of God, who left even his own most tender Mother, when the glory of his heavenly Father called him, and was found by Mary in the Temple sitting in the midst of the doctors. *Let us beg of our Lord an ardent zeal to instruct ourselves in our holy faith, and bring others to the knowledge of it.*

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys.

Ejaculation. Jesus, whom thou didst find in the Temple.

Glory be to the Father, &c. Prayer

The Five Sorrowful Mysteries.

1. *The Prayer and Bloody Sweat of our Blessed Saviour in the Garden.*

Let us adore our Lord Jesus Christ in the Garden of Olives, accepting all the horrors of his most cruel

Passion, whereby the soul of his most tender Mother was so bitterly afflicted; *begging that in all things, however painful and hard, we may seek only the holy will of God.*

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys.

Ejaculation. Jesus, who for us wast bathed in sweat of Blood.

Glory be to the Father, &c. Prayer.

II. *The Scourging of Jesus Christ.*

Let us adore our Lord Jesus Christ, enduring for our sakes that most cruel scourging, by every stroke of which the most tender heart of Mary was torn. *Let us beg of him the spirit of mortification.*

Our Father, &c. Ten Hail Marys.

Ejaculation. Jesus scourged for our sins.

Glory be to the Father, &c. Prayer.

III. *The Crowning with Thorns.*

Let us adore Jesus our King, crowned in derision with a crown of thorns; the sight of which increased yet more the grief of Mary. *Let us ask the grace to overcome human respect.*

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys.

Ejaculation. Jesus crowned for us with thorns.

Glory be to the Father, &c. Prayer.

IV. *Jesus carrying his Cross.*

Let us adore our Lord Jesus, bowed down beneath the heavy burden of his cross, in the sight of his most tender Mother, resolved to drink with him the same cup of bitterness. *Let us ask the spirit of meekness and patience.*

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys.

Ejaculation. Jesus, who for us didst bear the cross.

Glory be to the Father, &c. Prayer.

V. *Jesus Crucified.*

Let us adore our Lord Jesus, finishing, by his death upon the cross, the great work of our redemption. *Let us ask of him, through the tears of his most sorrowful Mother, the spirit of holy compunction.*

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys.

Ejaculation. Jesus, who died for us upon the cross.

Glory be to the Father, &c. Prayer.

The Five Glorious Mysteries.

I. *The Resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

Let us adore our Divine Saviour, the glorious Conqueror of death; and let us ask of Mary, by the joy which filled her soul at the resurrection of her Son, *to obtain for us the triumph of Jesus and Mary within our hearts.*

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys.

Ejaculation. Jesus, who rose again from the dead.

Glory be to the Father, &c. Prayer.

II. *The Ascension of Jesus Christ.*

Let us adore our Divine Saviour, ascending into heaven to prepare a place for us; and let us ask of Mary, who followed Jesus in spirit, *to obtain for us a great desire after our heavenly country.*

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys.

Ejaculation. Jesus, now ascended into heaven.

Glory be to the Father, &c. Prayer.

III. *The Holy Ghost descends upon the Blessed Virgin and the Apostles.*

Let us adore our Divine Saviour, sending from above his Holy Spirit; and let us ask of Mary, whom he has appointed to dispense his graces, to obtain for us *all the gifts of the Holy Ghost.*

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys.

Ejaculation. Jesus, who didst send the Holy Ghost.

Glory be to the Father, &c. Prayer.

IV. *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.*

Let us adore our Divine Saviour receiving his most gracious Mother into the bosom of his glory, and let us ask her to obtain for us *the desire of perfection.*

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys.

Ejaculation. Jesus, who hath called thee to himself.

Glory be to the Father, &c. Prayer.

V. *The Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

Let us adore our Divine Saviour crowning the virtues of his most holy Mother in heaven; let us beg her to obtain for us *the grace to love and imitate them.*

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys.

Ejaculation. Jesus, who hath crowned thee in the heavens.

Glory be to the Father, &c. Prayer.

THIRD METHOD.

The Five Joyful Mysteries.

I.

1. The most Holy Trinity condescends to the Incarnation of Jesus Christ.
2. Mary is chosen to be the Mother of the Incarnate Word.
3. The Angel Gabriel announces that happiness to Mary.
4. Mary prays in her holy solitude.
5. The Angel salutes her, saying, "Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee."
6. Mary is troubled at the sight and speech of the Angel.
7. The Angel says, "Fear not, Mary, thou shalt conceive by the power of the Holy Ghost."
8. Mary answers, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to thy word."
9. The Holy Ghost overshadows her.
10. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

II.

1. Mary, with great humility and charity, goes to visit her cousin St. Elisabeth.
2. Mary guided by the Holy Ghost, and accompanied by the holy angels.
3. Mary crosses the mountains in haste.
4. Mary is received with great joy by her cousin St. Elisabeth.
5. St. John is sanctified in his mother's womb.
6. St. Elisabeth says, "Blessed is the Fruit of thy womb."
7. Mary replies, "My soul doth magnify the Lord."
8. Elisabeth exclaims, "Whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to visit me?"
9. The house of Zacharias supremely blessed by the visits of Jesus and Mary

10. Mary serves her cousin in all humble offices for the space of three months.

III.

1. Mary gives birth to a Child, and remains a **Virgin**.
2. Mary gives birth to Jesus, and wraps him in swaddling clothes.
3. Mary contemplates Jesus with love and astonishment.
4. Mary embraces Jesus, and presses him to her heart.
5. Mary feeds Jesus with her Virginal milk.
6. Mary lays Jesus in a manger that Joseph had prepared.
7. Jesus lies in a manger between an ox and an ass.
8. The angels sing, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace to men of good will."
9. The shepherds come to visit the Child Jesus.
10. The Magi come to adore the Holy Child, and offer him presents.

IV.

1. Mary goes to the temple to offer her Holy Child.
2. Jesus and Mary submit to the law.
3. The way from Nazareth to Jerusalem is long and difficult.
4. Mary carries the Child Jesus in her arms.
5. Mary continues her journey, pondering all these things in her heart.
6. Mary offers Jesus in the temple.
7. Mary redeems Jesus at the ransom appointed for the poor.
8. Anna rejoices to see her prophecy fulfilled.
9. The holy old man, Simeon, embraces Jesus with joy.
10. Simeon says, "Now dost thou dismiss thy servant, Lord, in peace."

V.

1. Mary has lost her beloved Child.
2. Mary deprived of her only treasure.
3. Mary seeks Him with anxiety.

4. Mary seeks Jesus in the street and roads.
5. Mary finds Jesus again after three days.
6. Mary finds Jesus in the temple.
7. Jesus, twelve years old, teaches the doctors.
8. Mary says, "Son, why hast thou made us sorrowful?"
9. Jesus returns with Mary and Joseph, and is obedient unto them.
10. Mary preserves in her heart the sayings of Jesus.

The Five Sorrowful Mysteries.

I.

1. Jesus goes into the Garden of Olives.
2. Jesus prays, lying prostrate on the ground.
3. Jesus perseveres in his prayer.
4. Jesus is sorrowful, even unto death.
5. Jesus is bathed in a sweat of blood.
6. Jesus submits his will to his heavenly Father.
7. Jesus warns his disciples to watch and pray.
8. Jesus betrayed by Judas.
9. Jesus is seized by his own creatures.
10. Jesus cruelly bound, and dragged from one judge to another.

II.

1. Jesus is delivered to be scourged.
2. Jesus is falsely accused.
3. Jesus is stripped of his clothes.
4. Jesus is naked in the hands of his executioners.
5. Jesus is fastened to a pillar.
6. Jesus is lashed with scourges.
7. Jesus is bruised with clubs.
8. The flesh of Jesus is torn with points of lead.
9. The blood of Jesus flows down to the ground.
10. They unfasten Jesus; he clothes himself again.

III.

1. Jesus brought forth to be crowned with thorns.
2. They prepare a crown of thorns for Jesus.

3. They force the crown of thorns upon the head of Jesus.

4. The head of Jesus is pierced on every side.

5. The blood flows from the head of Jesus.

6. The forehead of Jesus is covered with blood.

7. The eyes of Jesus are bathed in tears.

8. The lips of Jesus are pale as death.

9. Jesus is clothed in a purple garment, through derision.

10. Jesus is cruelly mocked and derided, "Behold the man!"

IV

1. Jesus condemned to be crucified.

2. Jesus lovingly embraces his cross.

3. Jesus carries his cross on his torn and wounded shoulders.

4. Jesus falls under the weight of his cross for our sins.

5. Jesus, again loaded with his cross, meets his sorrowful Mother.

6. Jesus leaves the impression of his sacred countenance on the veil of St. Veronica.

7. Jesus says, "If these things are done in the green wood, what shall be done in the dry?"

8. None can be found willing to carry the cross for Jesus.

9. Jesus, loaded with his cross, falls at the foot of Calvary.

10. Jesus, again loaded with his cross, ascends the hill of Calvary.

V.

1. Jesus is cruelly stretched upon the cross.

2. His sacred hands and feet are pierced through with nails.

3. Jesus is raised upon the cross, and his blood flows in streams from all his wounds.

4. Jesus prays for his enemies.

5. Jesus promises Paradise to the penitent thief.
6. Jesus recommends St. John to his holy Mother.
7. Jesus in his thirst is offered vinegar and gall.
8. Jesus cries out, "My God, my God, why hast thou broken me?"
9. Jesus says, "It is finished!"
10. Jesus gives up his spirit into the hands of God his Father.

The Five Glorious Mysteries.

I.

1. Jesus rises again the third day from the dead.
2. Jesus conquers death and hell.
3. Jesus consoles and delivers the holy Fathers.
4. Jesus rises gloriously.
5. Jesus rejoices his holy Mother.
6. Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene.
7. Jesus appears to Peter, and blesses him.
8. The disciples at Emmaus say, "Did not our hearts burn within us, when he spoke to us?"
9. Jesus appears in the midst of his disciples, and gives them his peace.
10. Jesus shows his wounds to St. Thomas.

II.

1. The ascension of Jesus Christ.
2. Jesus ascends into heaven by virtue of his own power.
3. Jesus quits his beloved disciples.
4. Jesus promises to remain with them forever.
5. Jesus promises them the Holy Ghost.
6. As Jesus ascends, he blesses his disciples.
7. Jesus opens heaven to us.
8. Jesus is seated at the right hand of God his Father.
9. Jesus displays his five wounds, on our behalf, to his heavenly Father.
10. Jesus is our Mediator in heaven.

III.

1. Jesus sends the Holy Ghost.
2. Jesus sends the Comforter.
3. Jesus sends fire upon the earth.
4. The Holy Ghost inflames all hearts with his love.
5. The Holy Ghost enlightens their minds.
6. The Holy Ghost strengthens their hearts.
7. The Holy Ghost gives the gift of tongues.
8. The Holy Ghost distributes his gifts.
9. Come, O Holy Ghost, and visit the hearts of thy faithful.
10. Come, Holy Ghost, enlighten our hearts with the fire of thy Divine love.

IV.

1. Mary is assumed into heaven.
2. God the Father receives his well-beloved daughter
3. Jesus receives his holy Mother.
4. The Holy Ghost receives his beloved spouse.
5. The Seraphim salute Mary.
6. The Angels serve Mary.
7. Mary rejoices all the heavens.
8. Mary is seated at the right hand of Jesus.
9. Mary is our advocate in heaven.
10. Mary is our Mother and mediatrix in heaven.

V.

1. Mary gloriously crowned in heaven.
2. Mary crowned through her seraphic love.
3. Mary crowned through her angelical purity.
4. Mary crowned through her profound humility.
5. Mary crowned through her perfect obedience.
6. Mary crowned through her holy prudence.
7. Mary crowned through her admirable patience.
8. Mary crowned through her ardent gratitude.

9. Mary crowned through her holy perseverance.

10. Mary crowned in heaven, above all Saints and Angels, with the honor due to the Mother of God.

PRAYERS ON THE MYSTERIES;

WHICH MAY BE USED WITH ANY OF THE FOREGOING METHODS
OF RECITING THE ROSARY.

The Five Joyful Mysteries

I. The Annunciation.

O Lord, who, when thou didst come down to redeem our nature, didst choose for thyself the most chaste womb of Mary to be the true Tabernacle of God with men; grant, we beseech thee, that, by her holy intercession, our souls may be so filled with thy grace, that we may be made temples of God; who livest and reignest, &c. Amen.

II. The Visitation.

O Lord, who, in the visitation of Mary, didst pour forth thy heavenly graces on the house of Zacharias and Elisabeth; sanctify us by thy sacred and most loving presence, as thou didst sanctify thy holy servant John; and give us grace so to instruct others unto righteousness, and to edify men by our holy life, as to escape all danger of pride and vain-glory; who livest and reignest &c. Amen.

III. The Nativity.

We give thee thanks, most loving Jesus, because for our sake thou didst choose to be born in a poor stable at midnight, and in the midst of winter to be wrapt in swaddling clothes, laid in a manger, and fed at thy Mother's breasts. Grant, dearest Lord, that we may become like little children, humble and poor in spirit. Grant that we may, like the Magi from the East, seek

after thee with diligence, and find thee in the cradle of our hearts, and there adore thee, offering up the gold of charity, the incense of devotion, and the myrrh of mortification. Amen.

IV. *The Presentation.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst condescend, ~~together~~ with thy holy Mother, for our example, to be obedient to the law for sin; grant us grace never to be ashamed of thy law, but to labor to fulfil thy commandments, to practise penance for our sins, and to approach thy holy altar with those ardent desires with which holy Simeon received thee into his arms. Amen.

V. *Jesus found in the Temple.*

O Lord my God, thou art the only good; thou art the sea of sweetness, and ocean of all perfection. We are confounded when we think how much our souls are moved at the loss of earthly goods, and yet feel so little trouble when we have lost thee by sin. Grant, we beseech thee, that, despising all earthly things, we may sigh only to enjoy the vision of thy glory and beauty in that kingdom, where, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, thou livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

The Five Sorrowful Mysteries.

I *The Prayer of our Lord in the Garden.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who, in the garden of Gethsemani, ~~has~~ taught us, both by word and example, to overcome temptation by prayer; grant, we beseech thee, that, giving ourselves continually unto prayer, we may obtain its abundant fruit; who livest and reignest, &c. Amen.

II. *The Scourging.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who, for our sakes, didst take to ~~thee~~ a human nature, and didst suffer in thy flesh for

our example, grant, we beseech thee, that, venerating thy sacred Passion, we may imitate thy blessed life of patience and mortification, and attain at last to the glory of thy resurrection; who livest and reignest, &c. Amen.

III. *The Crowning with Thorns.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, King immortal and invisible, grant, we beseech thee, that we who venerate thy crown of thorns here upon earth, may receive from thee the crown of eternal glory in the life to come; who livest and reignest, &c. Amen.

IV. *Our Lord carrying his Cross.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast said, "No man can come to me, except he deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me;" grant, we beseech thee, that, venerating thy blessed patience in the carrying of the cross, we may bear all the crosses and trials of this valley of tears, that, being purified by suffering, we may be admitted into thy eternal rest: who livest and reignest, &c. Amen.

V. *Crucifixion of our Lord.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who, of thy infinite charity, didst become, for the sake of sinful man, the scorn of men and the outcast of the people, and didst die for us upon the cross to obtain our relief from eternal shame; grant us, we beseech thee, by the merits of thy most sorrowful crucifixion, and by the glorious intercession of thy most tender Mother, who stood by thee at the cross, the spirit of perfect contrition for our sins, and of a holy death; who livest and reignest, etc. Amen.

The Five Glorious Mysteries.

I. *The Resurrection.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst descend into hell, and didst rise again the third day from the dead; grant to

the souls of the faithful departed thy eternal light and peace; and to us thy servants grace to die each day more and more to ourselves, that we may live wholly unto thee; who livest and reignest, &c.

II. *The Ascension.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst descend upon earth to be our sacrifice, and hast ascended into heaven to be our eternal Priest and Advocate; grant us grace, that, being detached from all earthly things, we may in heart and mind thither ascend, whither thou art gone before, and with thee continually dwell; who livest and reignest, &c. Amen.

III. *The Descent of the Holy Ghost.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is given all power in heaven and on earth; send down upon us the Holy Ghost the Comforter, which may guide, support, and purify the souls of thy servants, and of thy whole Church; who livest and reignest, &c. Amen.

IV. *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who, when the work of her perfection was accomplished, didst call to thyself the soul of thy most holy Mother, and didst not suffer her body to see corruption; grant us, we beseech thee, the desire of perfection, and daily to purify ourselves more and more from all our faults and imperfections; so that at the hour of death we may be found worthy to pass to the blessed vision of thy glory; who livest and reignest, &c. Amen.

V. *The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast said, "In my Father's house are many mansions, I go to prepare a place for you" grant us, we beseech thee, so to copy in our lives the holy virtues of thy blessed Mother, that, through her glorious intercession with thee, we may attain the

place prepared for us in thy kingdom from the foundation of the world; who livest and reignest, &c. Amen
Salve Regina, &c.; Hail, holy Queen, &c.

Let us pray.

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death, and resurrection, hath laid open to us the rewards of everlasting life; grant, we beseech thee, that pondering in our hearts these Mysteries in the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they set forth, and obtain what they promise; through the same our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A SHORT PARAPHRASE

OF THE LITANY OF LORETTO.

Kyrie eleison. Lord God the Father, have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison. Lord God the Son, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison. Lord God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us.

Christe audi nos. Christ, our anointed Priest, hear these our prayers.

Christe exaudi nos. Christ, our anointed King, hear our petition.

Pater de cœlis Deus, miserere nobis. O God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.

Fili Redemptor mundi Deus. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

Spiritus Sancte Deus. O God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.

Sancta Trinitas unus Deus. Ho'y Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Sancta Maria. Holy Mary, by the name of sweetness, after the name of Jesus most venerable, pray for us

Sancta Dei Genetrix. Holy Mother of God, from whose own flesh was formed God's sacred body, pray for us.

Sancta Virgo Virginum. Holy Virgin of Virgins, as the lily among thorns, so is my beloved among the virgin daughters; pray for us.

Mater Christi. Mother of Christ, of the Anointed One, thou didst stand by the altar of the cross; pray for us.

Mater Divinae gratiae. Mother of Divine grace, by thee did grace come down from heaven; pray for us.

Mater purissima. Mother most pure, exempted from all stain of sin; pray for us.

Mater castissima. Mother most chaste, without all sting of concupiscence; pray for us.

Mater inviolata. Mother inviolate; Mother, yet ever Virgin; pray for us.

Mater intemerata. Mother undefiled by any the slightest breath of evil; pray for us.

Mater amabilis. Mother most amiable, thou art the Mother of incarnate love; pray for us.

Mater admirabilis. Mother most admirable, for God himself could form no greater Mother than his own; pray for us.

Mater Creatoris. Mother of our Creator, at thy virgin breast He who sustains the world was nourished; pray for us.

Mater Salvatoris. Mother of our Saviour; thou of whom was formed that very blood that hath redeemed the world; pray for us.

Virgo prudentissima. Virgin most prudent, taught by Heaven, the whilst thou didst keep silence and power in thy heart; pray for us.

Virgo veneranda. Virgin most venerable; thou whom all generations shall call blessed; pray for us.

Virgo prædicanda. Virgin most renowned; thou who art worthy that thy glory should be extolled and celebrated through the whole world; pray for us.

Virgo potens. Virgin most powerful, by thy prayers omnipotent with God; pray for us.

Virgo clemens. Virgin most merciful; who can declare thy love for souls redeemed by Jesus' Blood?—pray for us.

Virgo fidelis. Virgin most faithful; for thy love was strong as death, as thou didst stand by the cross of Jesus, faithful to the last; pray for us.

Speculum justitiæ. Mirror of justice; for who so perfectly reflects the image of Jesus as his holy Mother?—pray for us.

Sedes sapientiæ. Seat of wisdom, since in thy arms the Eternal Wisdom of the Father was enthroned; pray for us.

Causa nostræ lætitiæ. Rainbow of peace, and of good tidings of great joy to a storm-tossed world; pray for us.

Vas spirituale. Spiritual vessel "full of grace," from thee all grace hath issued forth; pray for us.

Vas honorabile. Vessel of honor and election, formed of the purest gold, fit for the service of the King of Heaven; pray for us.

Vas insigne devotionis. Vessel of singular devotion, after whose form each vessel of election must be fashioned; pray for us.

Rosa mystica. Mystical rose, exhaling the sweet odor of all virtues, yet circled by the thorns of tribulation; pray for us.

Turris Davidica. Tower of David, built against the enemies of God, in the city of the mystical Jerusalem; pray for us.

Turris eburnea. Tower of ivory; for in the Canticles thou art that tower of ivory whereto the fair neck of the bride is likened; for through thee all graces pass from Christ the Head unto the Church his Body; pray for us.

Domus aurea. House of gold, palace adorned in every part with the symbolic gold of charity; pray for us.

Fœderis arca. Ark of the covenant, formed of fairest workmanship, not for the tables of the law, but for the Lord of the Law himself; pray for us.

Janua cæli. Gate of heaven, since through thee all

vation came into the world, and none can enter heaven but by thee; pray for us.

Stella matutina. Morning star, thou didst appear at length above the darkness of this world, sure forerunner of the Sun of justice; pray for us.

Salus infirmorum. Health of the sick, since in thee do we behold strength in the midst of weakness; pray for us.

Refugium peccatorum. Refuge of sinners, if by sin we have again and again trampled under foot the Blood of Jesus, yet in thee shall we find a gentle advocate with him; pray for us.

Consolatrix afflictorum. Comforter of the afflicted, thou hast watched beside, and suffered with the Man of Sorrows, and hast learned how to console the miserable: pray for us.

Auxilium Christianorum. Help of Christians; they who are called by Christ's own name shall ever find in thee their tenderest mother; pray for us.

Regina Angelorum. Queen of Angels, since the King of Heaven, who had the Angels for his ministering servants, called thee his Mother; pray for us.

Regina Patriarcharum. Queen of Patriarchs, thou who wast foreshown in type and figure, and seen in their vision of desire by all the patriarchs of old; pray for us.

Regina Prophetarum. Queen of Prophets, and thyself a mighty prophetess,* thou didst bring to its fulfilment that which they foretold; pray for us.

Regina Apostolorum. Queen of Apostles, and thyself the first apostle of the grace of Christ, when thou didst bring our Lord to visit St. Elisabeth; pray for us.

Regina Martyrum. Queen of Martyrs, thou whose existence upon earth was a life-long martyrdom, through whose soul the sword of sorrow pierced; pray for us.

Regina Confessorum. Queen of Confessors, in whose breast, when all forsook and fled, the Church's faith

* The Magnificat, a prophecy of the Church's progress and of Christ's kingdom upon earth.

Good firm thou to whom all who confess the name of Jesus look for aid, and take thy life as a model for their life; pray for us.

Regina Virginum. Queen of Virgins, lily of holy purity, first example and great encouragement to virginity professed for Christ's own love; pray for us.

Regina Sanctorum omnium. Queen of all Saints, for all Saints in heaven, burning with the eternal love of Jesus, have ever found in thee a guide, a loving advocate, and a most tender mother; pray for us.

Regina sine labe originali concepta. Queen conceived without sin, singular glory of thy Son, not only redeemed by him from sin, but by his special grace exempted and preserved from ever having contracted the least stain, thy last title, yet most glorious of all. By thy immaculate heart, fit temple for God's Holy Dove, sweet Mary, pray for us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, parce nobis, Domine. O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, exaudi nos, Domine. O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, hear us, O Lord.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Sub tuum præsidium, &c. We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

The Seven Dolors, or chief Sufferings of the Blessed Virgin Mary

I.

C MOST afflicted Virgin! I commemorate the sorrow which filled thy heart when, on presenting thy divine Son in the temple, holy Simeon foretold that a sword should pierce thy soul, thereby announcing the share thou shouldst have in the sufferings of thy dear Son. I most devoutly compassionate thy grief on this occasion, and beseech thee, O glorious Queen of Martyrs, to obtain for me, through the sufferings of Jesus Christ, which were the great cause of all thy dolors, a sincere and lively horror of sin, an ardent love of God, a tender and practical devotion towards thee, and a happy death under thy special protection.

II.

O most holy and afflicted Virgin! I commiserate the sorrow which filled thy maternal heart when thou didst see thy divine Infant persecuted by his own creatures, and wert obliged to flee into Egypt, to save him from the fury of Herod. I most devoutly compassionate thy grief on that occasion, and beseech thee, O glorious Queen of Martyrs, to obtain for me, through the sufferings of Jesus Christ, which were the great cause of all thy dolors, a sincere and lively horror of sin, an ardent love of God, a tender and practical devotion towards thee, and a happy death under thy special protection.

III.

O most afflicted Virgin! I commemorate the sorrow which filled thy maternal heart when thou wert separated

from thy divine Son, who remained for three days absent from thee after thy journey to Jerusalem. I most devoutly compassionate thy grief on that occasion, and beseech thee, O glorious Queen of Martyrs, to obtain for me, through the sufferings of Jesus Christ, which were the great cause of all thy dolours, a sincere and lively horror of sin, an ardent love of God, a tender and practical devotion towards thee, and a happy death under thy special protection.

IV.

O most holy and afflicted Virgin! I commemorate the sorrow which filled thy maternal heart when thou didst follow thy dear Son to Mount Calvary, and beheld him sinking under the weight of the cross and of our sins. I most devoutly compassionate thy grief on that occasion, and beseech thee, O glorious Queen of Martyrs, to obtain for me, through the sufferings of Jesus Christ, which were the great cause of all thy dolours, a sincere and lively horror of sin, an ardent love of God, a tender and practical devotion towards thee, and a happy death under thy special protection.

V.

O most holy and afflicted Virgin! I commemorate the sorrow which filled thy maternal heart when thou didst stand by the cross of Jesus, and didst witness all his torments, and see him at length expire for the sins of the world. I devoutly compassionate thy grief on that occasion, O glorious Queen of Martyrs, and beseech thee to obtain for me, through the sufferings of Jesus Christ, which were the great cause of all thy dolours, a sincere and lively horror of sin, an ardent love of God, a tender and practical devotion towards thee, and a happy death under thy special protection.

VI.

O most holy and afflicted Virgin! I commemorate the sorrow which filled thy maternal heart when the adora

ble body of thy divine Son was taken down from the cross, and laid in thy arms. I most devoutly compassionate thy grief on that occasion, and beseech thee, O glorious Queen of Martyrs, to obtain for me, through the sufferings of Jesus Christ, which were the great cause of all thy dolours, a sincere and lively horror of sin, an ardent love of God, a tender and practical devotion towards thee, and a happy death under thy special protection.

VII.

O most holy and afflicted Virgin! I commemorate the sorrow which filled thy maternal heart when the sacred body of Jesus was taken from thy arms, and laid in the sepulchre. I most devoutly compassionate thy grief on that occasion, and beseech thee, O glorious Queen of Martyrs, to obtain for me, through the sufferings of Jesus Christ, which were the great cause of all thy dolours, a sincere and lively horror of sin, an ardent love of God, a tender and practical devotion towards thee, and a happy death under thy special protection.

Here also may be said the Litany of the Seven Dolours, and the Stabat Mater.



The Rosary of the Blessed Name of Jesus.



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

V. Thou, O Lord, wilt open my lips.

R. And my tongue shall declare thy praise.

V. Incline unto my aid, O God.

R. O Lord, hasten to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son. and to the Holy Ghost :

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE FIVE MYSTERIES OF THE FIRST PART

I. *The Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

THE MEDITATION.

The Son of God assumes human flesh of the pure blood of the blessed *Mary*, ever virgin, and is made man in her womb.

O Jesus, Son of *David*, have mercy on us. *Ten times.*—Glory be to the Father, &c.

II. *The Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

THE MEDITATION.

The Saviour of the world is born for our redemption : his mother remaining a virgin.

O Jesus, Son of *David*, have mercy on us. *Ten times.*—Glory be to the Father, &c.

III. *The Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

THE MEDITATION.

Our Saviour being eight days old, begins to suffer for our sins, and his blood already flows for us. He is circumcised according to the law, as if he had been himself a sinner.

O Jesus, Son of *David*, have mercy on us. *Ten times.*—Glory be to the Father, &c.

IV. *Our Lord Jesus Christ is found in the Temple.*

THE MEDITATION.

Our Saviour being twelve years old, shows himself more than mortal, by his knowledge and wisdom, teaching the very teachers of the *Jews*.

O Jesus, Son of *David*, have mercy on us. *Ten times*.—Glory be to the Father, &c.

V. *The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

THE MEDITATION.

The Saviour of the world is baptized by St. *John*. The eternal Father declared him to be his Son.

O Jesus, Son of *David*, have mercy on us. *Ten times*.—Glory be to the Father, &c.

THE PRAYER.

O Jesus, whose name is above all names, that in the name of Jesus every knee may bend, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and in hell; who, at the time appointed by the eternal wisdom, assumedst flesh in the womb of the blessed *Mary*, ever virgin, and thus became the Son of *David*; whose birth rejoiced men and angels; who began so early to suffer for us, and to shed, on our account, that blood that washed away the sins of the world; whose eternal wisdom appeared at the age of twelve years: to whose baptism all heaven was attentive: grant to us, to celebrate those mysteries to thy honor and our own salvation: who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, for all eternity. *Amen*.

THE FIVE MYSTERIES OF THE SECOND PART.

I. *Our Saviour washeth his Disciples Feet.*

THE MEDITATION.

Our Saviour, to show us an example of humility and how much we ought to serve each other, descendeth so low as to wash the feet of his disciples, though he is the God whom heaven and earth adore.

O Jesus of *Nazareth*, king of the *Jews*, have mercy on us. *Ten times*.—Glory be to the Father, &c.

II. *The Prayer of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Garden.*

THE MEDITATION.

Our Saviour, knowing his passion to be now at hand, is so affected with the thoughts of it, and so oppressed with the load of our sins, that he prays to his Almighty Father, that the bitter cup might pass away from him.

O Jesus of *Nazareth*, king of the *Jews*, have mercy on us. *Ten times*.—Glory be to the Father &c.

III. *Our Saviour is apprehended.*

THE MEDITATION.

Our Saviour, as if he had been no more than mortal, yields to the power of men, and permits himself, for our redemption, to be apprehended, as if he were a malefactor.

O Jesus of *Nazareth*, king of the *Jews*, have mercy on us. *Ten times*.—Glory be to the Father. &c.

IV. *Our Saviour carries his Cross.*

THE MEDITATION.

Our Saviour being torn with scourges, and pierced with thorns, to expiate our sins, is compelled to carry the cross on which he is to die, and moves on in anguish and sorrow towards the place of his execution.

O Jesus of *Nazareth*, king of the *Jews*, have mercy on us. *Ten times*.—Glory be to the Father, &c.

V. *The Descent of our Saviour into Hell.*

THE MEDITATION.

The soul of our Saviour being separated by death from the body, descends to that place where the saints were expecting his redemption.

O Jesus of *Nazareth*, king of the *Jews*, have mercy on us. *Ten times*.—Glory be to the Father, &c.

THE PRAYER.

O Jesus, whose name is above all names, that at the name of Jesus every knee may bend, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and in hell; whose mysterious humiliations and sorrows, appointed for thee on account of our sins, appeared in the washing of the feet of thy servants and creatures; in thy distress and prayer, and bloody sweat; in thy being secured and brought before tribunals as a criminal; in thy bearing the load of the cross; and in the separation of thy soul from the body, and its descent to the regions below: grant to us to celebrate these mysteries to thy honor and our own salvation: who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God for all eternity. *Amen*

THE FIVE MYSTERIES OF THE THIRD PART

I. *The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

THE MEDITATION.

The soul of our Lord Jesus Christ, which had been separated from the body, is reunited to it, by a miracle of the almighty power; and that body which had been dead rises to die no more.

O Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. *Ten times.*—Glory be to the Father, &c.

II. *The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

THE MEDITATION.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ ascends to the highest heaven, where the Saviour of mankind sits upon the right hand of God, the Almighty Father.

O Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. *Ten times.*—Glory be to the Father, &c.

III. *Our Lord Jesus Christ sends down the Holy Ghost.*

THE MEDITATION.

Our Saviour, now seated at the right hand of God, his Almighty Father, sends down the Holy Ghost to inspire and animate his disciples, that they may be qualified to publish to mankind his cross and his glory.

O Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. *Ten times.*—Glory be to the Father, &c.

IV. *Our Lord Jesus Christ crowning the Blessed Virgin and Saints.*

THE MEDITATION.

Our Saviour having by his passion, resurrection, and ascension, opened the way for the sons of Adam

to heaven, which they had lost by sin, bestows on his mother and his saints a crown of immortal glory.

O Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. *Ten times.*—Glory be to the Father, &c.

V. Our Lord Jesus Christ coming to judge Mankind

THE MEDITATION.

Our Saviour will come in power and majesty to judge the living and the dead, and to return to every one according to his works.

O Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. *Ten times.*—Glory be to the Father, &c.

THE PRAYER.

O Jesus, whose name is above all names, that at the name of Jesus every knee may bend, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and in hell; whose body, that was murdered by mankind, the Almighty raised from death, glorious and immortal; who, by thy ascension, triumphed over death, and led captivity captive; who, according to thy promise, sent down the Spirit that proceedeth from the Father and the Son, the Comforter and the Enlivener; who, stretching forth the bounty of thy almighty hand, shed upon the chosen children of Adam, that glory that neither eye hath seen, nor ear hath heard, nor hath it entered into the heart of man; and who will come forth, in power and majesty, to judge the living and the dead, before whose throne all mortals will appear: grant to us to celebrate these mysteries to thy honor and our own salvation: who, with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God for all eternity. *Amen.*

- N. B.—The repeating of the above prayers or meditations is not absolutely necessary. Those who cannot read or meditate on the mysteries, let them say the creed beforehand, in this Rosary, and in that of the Blessed Virgin."
- The devotions belonging to this Rosary, or the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin, do not bind under sin."
- N. B.—Those who are in the society of the Rosary of the Name of Jesus, may have the same plenary indulgence on New Year's Day, that is granted in the year of the Jubilee."
- On every second Sunday in the month.—At the time of being received into the society.—At the article of death.—And on each day of the fifteen mysteries."



Pious Ejaculations, which may be used on various Occasions.

I. *For obtaining Pardon of Sin.*

THE sins of my youth and my ignorances remember not: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord. Ps. xxiv. 7.

O Lord, be thou merciful unto me: heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee. Ps. xl. 5.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy great mercy. Ps. l. 1.

Let thy tender mercies come unto me, O Lord, and I shall live. Ps. cxviii. 77.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost: seek thy servant, O Lord. Ps. cxviii. 176.

Enter not into judgment with thy servant, for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. Ps. cxlii. 2.

I will arise and go to my father, and say to him, Father I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am not worthy to be called thy son. Luke xv. 18.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me. Luke xviii. 38

II. *For Humility.*

It is good for me that thou hast humbled me. Before I was humbled, I offended; therefore have I kept thy word. Pa. cxviii. 71, 67.

Our Lord Jesus Christ humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Phil. ii. 8. And shall I be proud

III. *For obtaining a true Estimate of this Life.*

We are sojourners before thee, and strangers, as were all our fathers. Our days upon earth are as a shadow; and there is no stay. 1 Par. xxix. 15.

Declare unto me the fewness of my days. Call me not away in the midst of my days. Ps. ci. 24, 25.

Let my soul die the death of the just, and my last end be like to them. Numbers xxiii. 10.

IV. *In Grief and Affliction.*

Heal me, O Lord; for my bones are troubled. My soul also is troubled exceedingly. Ps. vi. 2, 3.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue hath cleaved to my jaws; and thou hast brought me down into the dust of death. Ps. xxi. 16.

O Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hidden from thee. Ps. xxxvii. 9.

Why art thou sorrowful, O my soul? and why dost thou disquiet me? Hope in God, for I will still give praise to him; the salvation of my countenance, and my God. Ps. xlii. 5, 6.

I am wearied with my groans, and I find no rest. Jeremias xlv. 3.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation. Psalm l. 14.

V. *For Resignation.*

It is the Lord: let him do what is good in his sight. 1 Kings iii. 18.

If he shall say to me, Thou pleasest me not: I am ready let him do that which is good before him. 2 Kings xv. 26.

My heart is ready; O Go my heart is ready. Ps. lvi. 8.

Nevertheless, as it shall be the will of God in heaven, so be it done. 1 Machab. iii. 60.

Thy will be done. Matt. xxvi. 42.

Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? Acts ix. 6.

VI. *For Patience.*

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: so it hath pleased the Lord, so it is done: blessed be the name of the Lord. Job i. 21.

If we have received good things at the hand of God, why should we not receive evil? Job ii. 10.

I will take the chalice of salvation, and will call upon the name of the Lord. Ps. cxv. 4.

VII. *Against Temptation.*

The Lord be merciful unto me, that I may do no such thing. 1 Kings xxiv. 7.

Strengthen me, O Lord, in this hour. Judith xiii. 9.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak. Ps. vi. 2.

By thee I shall be delivered from temptation. Ps. xvii. 30.

Save me, O God: for the waters are come in even unto my soul. Ps. lxxviii. 1.

Deliver not up to beasts of prey the souls that put their trust in thee: and forget not forever the souls of thy poor. Ps. lxxiii. 19.

Turn away my eyes, that they may not behold vanity. Ps. cxviii. 37.

VIII. *For Trust in God.*

Although he should slay me, yet I will trust in him. Job vii. 15.

Though I should walk in the midst of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for thou art with me. Ps. xxii. 4.

It is good for me to adhere to my God, to put my hope in the Lord God. Ps. lxxii. 28.

IX. *For the Fear of God.*

What shall I do when God shall arise to judge? and when he shall examine, what shall I answer him? Job xxxi. 14

I have always feared God as waves swelling over me, and his weight I was not able to bear. Job xxxi. 28.

The sorrows of hell encompassed me: and the snares of death prevented me. Ps. xvii. 6.

Pierce thou my flesh with thy fear: for I am afraid of thy judgments. Ps. cxviii. 120.

X. *For Wisdom in Speech.*

I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I have set a guard to my mouth. Ps. xxxviii. 1.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and a door round about my lips. Ps. cxi. 3.

XI. *For knowing the Will of God in doubtful Matters.*

Perfect thou my goings in thy paths: that my footsteps be not moved. Ps. xvi. 6.

Send forth thy light and thy truth. Ps. xlii. 3.

May God have mercy on us, and bless us: may he cause the light of his countenance to shine upon us, and have mercy on us. Ps. lxvi. 1.

Make known to me the way wherein I should walk; for I have lifted up my soul to thee. Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God. Ps. cxlii. 10, 11.

Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? Acts ix. 6.

XII. *Remembrance of the Divine Presence.*

The eyes of the Lord are brighter than the sun, beholding round about all the ways of men, and the bottom of the deep, and looking into the hearts of men, into the most hidden parts. Ecclesiasticus xxiii. 28.

For my eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, and their iniquity hath not been hid from my eyes. Jerem. xvi. 17.

XIII. *Acts of Praise and Thanksgiving.*

Let my mouth be filled with praise, that I may sing thy glory and thy greatness all the day long. Ps. lxx. 8.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and let all that is within me bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefit. Ps. ciii. 1, 2.

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us; but unto thy name give the glory. Ps. cxiii. 9.

What shall I render to the Lord, for all that he hath rendered to me? Ps. cxv. 8.

I will praise thee, because thou hast heard me and art become my salvation. Ps. cxvii. 28.

XIV. *Love of God and of Heaven.*

If, therefore, I have found favor in thy sight, show me thy face. Exodus xxxiii. 18.

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. That I may see the delight of the Lord, and may visit his temple. Ps. xxvi. 4.

As the hart panteth after the fountains of waters, so my soul panteth after thee, O God. My soul hath thirsted for the living God: when shall I come, and appear before the face of God? Ps. xli. 1, 2.

For what have I in heaven! and besides thee, what do I desire upon earth? For thee my flesh and my heart hath fainted away: thou art the God of my heart, and my portion forever. Ps. lxxii. 25, 26.

How lovely are thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts! my soul longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh have rejoiced in the living God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, O Lord: they shall praise thee forever and ever. For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand. Ps. lxxxiii. 1, 2, 4, 10.

Woe is me, that my sojourning is prolonged! Ps. cxix. 5.

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name. Ps. cxli. 8.

Show me O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou liest in the mid-day. Cant. i. 6.

My soul hath desired thee in the night. Is. xxvi. 9.

Having a desire to be dissolved, and to be with Christ Philip i. 23

Instructions on Indulgences, with Devotions.

EVERY good work has a threefold value: *merit*, *satisfaction*, and *impetration*. And as the divine goodness, in consideration of our weakness, has ordained, that by the use of the sacraments, *ex opere operato*, we increase our *merit*; and by the *impetration* of the saints and the prayers of the Church we obtain many things *independently of our own labor*; so he has left to us also the treasure of indulgences, by which, through the satisfaction of Christ and the saints, we may obtain full and speedy *satisfaction* for the temporal punishment due to our sins either in this life or the next.

I. *What an Indulgence is.*

By an indulgence is meant the remission of the *temporal punishment* due to us on account of our sins. Every sin, however grievous, is remitted through the sacrament or penance, or by an act of perfect contrition, as regards its *guilt* and the *eternal punishment* due to it. But the debt of *temporal punishment* is not always remitted at the same time. This latter is done away with by deep penitence, or by works of satisfaction, *e. g.* prayers, alms, fasting, &c.; or by the patient endurance of troubles and adversities sent us by God, &c.; or by the satisfaction of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Saints, applied to us by those who have the power to apply them.

And although, in order to escape this temporal punishment, we must not rely on indulgences alone, to the neglect of good works; yet because, at the best, our own good works are very imperfect, and the debt of punishment due to us very great, we ought to endeavor, as frequently as possible, to avail ourselves of the benefits of indulgences.

Indulgences are of two kinds:—1st. A *plenary indulgence*, when duly gained, is a full and entire remission of all the temporal punishment due to sin. The eight indul

gences granted to the faithful in England, at the principal festivals of the year, are plenary indulgences. A jubilee is also a plenary indulgence occasionally granted by the Pope to the whole Church, in the most ample manner, and with the greatest solemnity. 2d. A *partial*, or limited indulgence, as of ten years, or a hundred days, &c., remits as much of the temporal punishment as would have been remitted by 10 years, or 100 days, &c., of the canonical penances formerly imposed on public penitents.

II *What is required for obtaining an Indulgence.*

1. That we should be in a state of grace; that is, free from all mortal sin. Hence the sacraments of penance and the holy eucharist are always enjoined as prerequisites for obtaining an indulgence. For indulgences only apply to the punishment of sin; they suppose the guilt to have been removed. And although the guilt may be removed while the punishment is reserved, punishment cannot be remitted while the guilt remains.

2. In order to gain an indulgence, it is necessary to perform the prescribed works; for it is under this condition that indulgences are granted. But power is generally given to confessors to change the works for some others, in the case of the sick, or persons who are confined, and who cannot therefore fulfil some of the conditions, such as fasting, or visiting certain churches. It is absolutely necessary at the very least, that the works required for the indulgence should all be done in a state of grace.

It may be useful to add here a list of indulgences attached to some of the prayers in this book:—

1. For the acts of faith, hope, and charity (p. 128), 1st. An indulgence of 7 years and as many *quadragesimæ*, or 40 days, as often as you recite these acts. 2d. A plenary indulgence ~~and~~ a month,* granted to all who shall recite the acts every day for a month, and shall confess their sins and receive the holy communion, praying for the usual intentions of the Church. 3d. A plenary indulgence at the hour of death, if you recite the acts at that time, and, if possible after sacramental confession and holy communion.

By a month is meant a calendar month, January, February &c

2 For the *Angelus Domini*, or The Angel of the Lord &c. (p. 83) 1st. An indulgence of 100 days as often as you repeat it. 2d. A plenary indulgence once a month, to all who shall say this prayer at least once a day, every day in the month, at the sound of the bell; and who shall confess, and communicate, and pray for the usual intentions of the Church

Observe that the *Angelus* is always to be said kneeling, except on Saturday evening and on Sunday, when it is to be said standing. In Paschal time, instead of the *Angelus*, the *Regina cæli* is said, together with the versicle and prayer, standing. Those who are not able to remember these prayers, may gain the indulgence by saying the usual *Angelus* standing. In places where the bell is not heard, it is sufficient to recite the *Angelus* about the time at which the bell is rung.

3. For the *De profundis* and the versicle *Requiem æternam*, to be said after the evening *Angelus*. 1st. An indulgence of 100 days. 2d. A plenary indulgence once a year to those who repeat the above every day. Those who do not know the *De profundis* may gain the same indulgences by repeating instead an Our Father and a Hail Mary, with the versicle as above.

4. For the Litany of the Holy Name. An indulgence of 800 days as often as you recite it.

5. For the *Angele Dei*, or Angel of God, &c., &c., (p. 93). 1st. An indulgence of 100 days as often as you recite this prayer. 2d. A plenary indulgence once a month, on any day they choose, to all who shall say it daily for a month; and who confess and communicate, and pray for the intentions of the Church, in some public church. 3d. A plenary indulgence on the feast of the holy Angel Guardians (October 2d), provided that you have said the prayer for a whole year, morning and evening; and perform the usual conditions of confession, communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Church. 4th. A plenary indulgence at the hour of death, if during life you have frequently repeated this prayer. All these indulgences may be applied to the souls in purgatory.

6. For the *Trisagium*, or Holy, holy, holy, &c. (p. 93) 1st. An indulgence of 100 days, once every day. 2d. Three times on Trinity Sunday, and every day during the octave

as well as on every Sunday in the year. 1d. A plenary indulgence once a month, on a day of choice, for those who shall have repeated it every day for a month, with the usual conditions.

7. For saying the *Salve Regina* (p. 57) in the morning, and the *Sub tuum præsidium* (p. 107) in the evening, adding to each the following versicle :

1. Dignar me laudare te, V. Vouchsafe that I may
Virgo sacrata. praise thee, O sacred
Virgin.

R. Da mihi virtutem contra R. Give me strength against
hostes tuos. my enemies.

V. Benedictus Deus in Sanc- V. Blessed be God in his
tis suis. Saints.

R. Amen. R. Amen.

1st. An indulgence of 100 days, every day. 2d. An indulgence of seven years and 7 *quadragesæ* every Sunday. 3d. A plenary indulgence on any two Sundays in every month, on all the feasts of the Blessed Virgin, on the feast of All Saints, to those who repeat the above-mentioned prayers every day, with the usual conditions ; and also at the hour of death.

8. For 3 *Glorias*, to be said 3 times a day, morning, noon, and night, in thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity for the particular graces granted to the Blessed Virgin, and especially her Assumption. 1st. An indulgence of 300 days. 2d. An indulgence of 100 days *each* of the said times. 3d. A plenary indulgence once a month, on any day at choice, to those who repeat them 3 times a day for a month, with the usual conditions. These indulgences may be applied to the souls in purgatory.

9. For 3 Our Fathers, in memory of the Passion and Agony of Jesus Christ ; and 3 Hail Marys, in memory of the Dolours of the Blessed Virgin ; to be said for the dying. 1st. An indulgence of 300 days as often as they are said. 2d. A plenary indulgence to those who repeat them once a day for a month, with the usual conditions. These indulgences may be applied to the souls in purgatory.

10. For invoking the names of Jesus and Mary. 1st. An indulgence of 25 days each time. 2d. A plenary indulgence at the hour of death to those who have been in the

habit of invoking them, and who, being truly contrite, invoke them at that hour, at least in heart, if they cannot with their lips.

Also an indulgence of 300 days every time the three following ejaculatory prayers are said, to obtain a happy death:

Jesus, Joseph, and Mary, I give you my heart and my life.

Jesus, Joseph, and Mary, assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Joseph, and Mary, may I die in peace in your blessed company.

For saying any one of them 100 days.

11. For the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1st. An indulgence of 300 days as often as you recite it with a devout and contrite heart. 2d. A plenary indulgence on the five principal feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary, viz. Immaculate Conception, the Nativity, the Annunciation, the Purification, and the Assumption, to all who shall say the Litany every day, without missing one day in the year. It is necessary that they should confess, and communicate, and pray for the intentions of the Church, in some public church. These indulgences may be applied to the souls in purgatory.

12. For the Rosary. 1st. An indulgence of 100 days for every *Pater* and *Ave*, as often as you recite the fifteen decades of the Rosary, or, at least, five decades. 2d. A plenary indulgence once a year on any day you choose, if you are accustomed to say at least five decades daily, and if you confess, and communicate, and pray for the wants of the Church. But in order that you may obtain these indulgences, two things are necessary: that the Rosary which you use shall have these indulgences attached to it by some priest who has faculties for so doing; and also that you devoutly and attentively meditate on each decade, or one of the fifteen mysteries, in the order indicated in this book, p 192.

13. For the *Veni Creator*. 1st. An indulgence of 100 days as often as you recite this hymn. 2d. A plenary indulgence once a month, on any day they choose, to all who say this hymn daily for a month, and who confess, and communicate, and pray for the wants of the Church. 3d. An indulgence of 300 days as often as you say this hymn on

the feast of Pentecost, or on any day within the octave All these indulgences may be applied to the souls in purgatory.

14. For the *Veni Sancte Spiritus*. The same indulgences are annexed to this hymn as to the preceding.

15. For the *Stabat Mater*. An indulgence of 100 days as often as you recite it.

16. For the *Pange lingua*, &c. 1st. An indulgence of 300 days may be gained once every day by devoutly reciting this hymn, together with the versicle, *Panem de cœlis*, &c. and the prayer, *Deus qui nobis*, &c. 2d. An indulgence of 100 days for reciting the two last stanzas of the hymn, *Tantum ergo*, &c., with the versicle and the prayer. 3d. A plenary indulgence three times a year (viz. on Maunday Thursday; the feast, or at least a day within the octave, of Corpus Christi; and any other day, at choice), to all who shall have said the hymn, or at least the single stanza *Tantum ergo*, ten times in each month, with the usual conditions, and a visit to some church. These indulgences may be applied to the souls in purgatory.

17. For the Penitential Psalms. An indulgence of forty days as often as you recite them.

18. For the Gradual Psalms. The same.

19. For the prayer at the end of the Litany of the Passion (O God, who for the redemption of the world, &c.), together with 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Marys, and 5 Glorias. 1st. An indulgence of 300 days, once every day. 2d. A plenary indulgence on repeating it every day for a month, with the usual conditions. These indulgences may be applied to the souls in purgatory.

20. For the prayer, Look down, O Lord, &c. (p. 339), to be said on the knees before the Blessed Sacrament. 1st. An indulgence of 100 days, once every day. 2d. A plenary indulgence the first Thursday in each month, to all who shall repeat it after confession and communion, and shall pray for the wants of the Church. 3d. An indulgence of 7 years and 7 quadragesimæ, every Thursday, with the same conditions.

21. For the prayer to St. Aloysius Gonzaga (O holy Aloysius, adorned, &c.), at the end of his Litany, together with an Our Father and a Hail Mary. An indulgence of 100 days (applicable also to the departed), once a day.

22. For the ejaculation of resignation to the will of God (p. 94). 1st. An indulgence of 100 days, once every day. 2d. A plenary indulgence once a year, on any day at choice with the usual conditions, to those who shall have repeated it every day for a year. These indulgences are applicable to the souls in purgatory.

23. For daily meditation. A plenary indulgence once a month (with the usual conditions) to all who shall perform this most necessary exercise of piety every day for a month for half an hour, or at least for a quarter of an hour daily. This indulgence (applicable to the souls in purgatory) may be obtained on any day in the month.

24. For the Stations. All the indulgences are annexed to these Stations, which were granted to those persons who visited the places in the Holy Land consecrated by any special mystery of the Passion of Christ. All these indulgences, many of which are plenary, can be applied to the souls of the departed; and in order to obtain them it is only necessary to be in the state of grace; neither confession nor communion is required.

25. Pius IX. grants, 1st, an indulgence of 100 days to all who recite the antiphon, versicle, and collect, Give peace, O Lord, in our days (p. 101). 2d. A plenary indulgence once a month to such as shall have recited them once a day, with the usual conditions. These indulgences may be applied to the souls in purgatory.

26. Pius IX. also grants an indulgence of 3 years to all who recite with devotion the following prayer:

O Lord Jesus Christ, grant, I beseech thee, that thy Passion may be to me a power to strengthen and defend me; thy Wounds my meat and drink, to feed, inebriate, and delight me; the Sprinkling of thy Blood, the washing away of all my sins; thy Death, my everlasting glory. Herein, O dearest Lord, be my refreshment, my rejoicing, my health, and the sweet solace of my heart; who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

(Other devotions to which indulgences are attached will be found in their places.)

PRAYERS FOR OBTAINING PLENARY INDULGENCES

For obtaining the Indulgences, it is sufficient to say with devotion for Our Fathers and five Hail Marys; but the following are the forms commonly used. They are applicable either to those who use them or to the souls in purgatory, and may be said either at the time of the Jubiles or on any other occasion.

Preparatory Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, I trust that by thy mercy I am absolved from all my sins, and delivered from eternal damnation; yet since I am still obnoxious to the temporal punishments due unto my sins, and my own works are not sufficient to make satisfaction for them, I fly to the inexhaustible treasury of the merits of thy only-begotten Son and of thy saints, that, by their abundance, my defects and infirmities may be supplied. I cheerfully offer myself to do all those things which are appointed for obtaining this end. Receive them, O Father of mercies, in union with the passion and death of the same thy Son, and make me, although unworthy, partaker of this plenary indulgence.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

FIRST PRAYER.

To God the Father, for the Exaltation of our Holy Mother, the Church.

O eternal Father, be mindful of thy congregation which thou hast possessed from the beginning. Acknowledge the Church as the spouse of thine only-begotten Son, for which he hesitated not to shed his blood. So exalt it, I beseech thee, with the beauty of holiness, the riches of grace, and the fulness of thine inheritance, that it may shine forth worthy of its divine Spouse, and of the great price of its redemption. Look mercifully upon all the sons of this holy Mother, and gather all nations into their number; that all may acknowledge, with living faith, thee the Father, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent, in the unity of the Holy Ghost,

one God; may call upon thee with steadfast hope, and embrace thee with perfect charity. Amen.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. Behold, O Lord, and visit this vine.

R. And perfect that which thy right hand hath planted.

Look down, we beseech thee, O Lord, upon this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ did not refuse to be delivered into the hands of sinners, and to undergo the torment of the cross; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

SECOND PRAYER.

To God the Son, for the Extirpation of Heresies.

O Jesus, the true light that lightenest every one that cometh into the world, grant, I beseech thee, by the inestimable virtue of thy passion and death, that, the darkness of heresies and errors being driven away, all may embrace the light of thy truth, and be brought into the bosom of thy Church. O thou good Shepherd, who didst lay down thy life for thy sheep, protect thy flock, and defend it from the violence and cunning of those who come in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves. Grant that all may acknowledge one shepherd, and be of one fold. Abide with us, O Lord, as thou hast said, Behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world. Make manifest that thy Church is founded on a rock, and that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. Amen

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. Deliver not up to beasts of prey the souls that put their trust in thee.

R. And forget not, O Lord, forever, the souls of thy poor.

Hear the prayers of thy Church, O Lord, we beseech thee, and turn away thine anger from us; that all adver-

sins and errors being done away, we may serve thee in freedom and security; through our Lord, &c.

THIRD PRAYER.

To the Holy Ghost, for Concord among Christian Princes

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of love and peace, who hast gathered together so many and various nations in the unity of the faith, vouchsafe to grant to all Christian princes, and to their counsellors, the abundance of thy grace, and imbue their hearts with the new commandment of thy love; that all men may know by this that they are to be counted among the number of thine elect, and are worthy of the name of Christ. Grant that they may not be led away through covetousness to do any thing contrary to thy divine glory, and the peace of thy Church; but rather may strive, with united efforts, to bring the people committed unto them, together with themselves, to the vision of eternal peace, and to the heavenly Jerusalem. Amen.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

V. Let peace be in thy strength.

R. And plenteousness in thy towers.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all right counsels, and all just works do come, give to thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts being given up to obey thy commandments, and the fear of our enemies being taken away, the times, by thy protection, may be peaceful, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth, &c.

FOURTH PRAYER.

To the most Holy Trinity, offering up the Works prescribed for obtaining the Indulgence.

O most holy Trinity, I trust I have now performed whatever hath been prescribed for obtaining a plenary indulgence for the punishment due to my sins. I confess that anywise I ought to have done all this, and much more, for thy divine Majesty, being bound thereto

under a thousand titles. It is of thine infinite goodness and bountiful liberality alone that thou art pleased so abundantly to remunerate the worthless works of our bounden duty. Receive, therefore, O most holy Trinity, these works that I have done, in whatever way I may have done them, and grant that all their defects may be supplied by the merits of the passion and death of Jesus Christ our Lord, and by his most precious blood which was shed for us; and thus make me (or the soul of — partaker of this plenary indulgence: for which mercy O Lord, may all heaven and earth unite with me in giving praise and thanksgiving unto thee now and forever Amen.

Our Father. Hail, Mary.

The *Te Deum*.

*A Prayer for the whole State of Christ's Church upon Earth.**

O eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of all things visible and invisible, Source of all our good; infinitely good in thyself, and infinitely gracious, bountiful, and good to us; behold we, thy poor servants, the work of thy hands, redeemed by the blood of thine only Son, come [in answer to his summons by his Vicegerent], to present ourselves, as humble petitioners, before the throne of thy mercy. We come in communion with all thy Church in heaven, hoping to be assisted by their prayers and merits; and with Jesus Christ at our head, our High Priest and Mediator, in whose precious blood we put all our trust.

We prostrate ourselves here before thee, and most humbly beseech thee to sanctify thy own most holy name, by sanctifying and exalting thy holy Catholic

* This prayer was first published on occasion of the Jubilee in 1757, and may be proper for any other time of indulgence. It may be said on the day of communion as it is directed for the usual intentions for which the faithful ought to offer up their prayers in order to gain the indulgence.

Church throughout the whole world. O eternal King, who hast sent down thine only Son from thy throne above into this earth of ours, to establish a kingdom here amongst us, from whence we might hereafter be translated to thy eternal kingdom; look down, we beseech thee, upon this kingdom of thy Son, and propagate it through all nations, and through all hearts. Sanctify it in all truth; maintain it in peace, unity, and holiness. Give to it saints for its rulers, its chief pastor and all its other prelates; enlighten them with all heavenly wisdom; make them all men according to thy own heart.

Give thy grace and blessing to all the clergy; and send amongst them that heavenly fire which thy Son came to cast on the earth, and which he so earnestly desired should be enkindled. Assist and protect all apostolic missionaries, that they may zealously and effectually promote thy glory, and the salvation of souls redeemed by the blood of thy Son. Sanctify all religious men and women of all orders; give them the grace to serve thee with all perfection, according to the spirit of their institute, and to shine like lights to the rest of the faithful.

Have mercy on all Christian princes; grant them those lights and graces that are necessary for the perfect discharge of their duty to thee and to their subjects; that they may be true servants to thee, the King of kings, true fathers to their people, and nursing fathers to thy Church. Have mercy on all magistrates and men in power; that they may all fear thee, love thee, and serve thee, and ever remember that they are thy deputies, and ministers of thy justice.

Have mercy on all thy people throughout the world; and give thy blessing to thine inheritance; remember thy congregation, which thou hast possessed from the beginning; and give such grace to all thy children here

upon earth, that they may do thy holy will in all things, even as the blessed do in heaven.

Extend thy mercy also to all poor infidels, who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death; to all those nations that know not thee, and that have not yet received the faith and law of thy Son; to all Pagans, Mahometans and Jews. Remember, O Lord, that all these poor souls are made after thine own image and likeness, and redeemed by the blood of thy Son. Oh, let not Satan any longer exercise his tyranny over these thy creatures, to the great dishonor of thy name. Let not the precious blood of thy Son be shed for them in vain. Send among them zealous preachers and apostolic laborers, endued with the like graces and gifts as thine Apostles were, and bless them with the like success, for the glory of thy name; that all these poor souls may be brought to know thee, love thee, and serve thee here in thy Church, and bless thee hereafter for all eternity.

Look down also with an eye of pity and compassion on all those deluded souls, who, under the name of Christians, have gone away from the paths of truth and unity, and from the one fold of the one Shepherd, Jesus Christ, into the by-paths of error and schism. Oh, bring them back to thee and to thy Church. Dispel their darkness by thy heavenly light; take off the veil from before their eyes, with which the common enemy hath blindfolded them. Remove the prejudices of their education; take away from them the spirit of obstinacy, pride, and self-conceit. Give them an humble and docile heart. Give them a strong desire of finding out thy truth, and a strong grace to enable them to embrace it, in spite of all the opposition of the world, the flesh, and the devil. For why should these poor souls perish, for which Christ died? Why should Satan any longer possess these souls, which, by their baptism, were dedicated to thee, to be thine eternal temple?

O Father of lights, and God of all truth, purge the

whole world from all errors, abuses, corruptions, and vices. Beat down the standard of Satan, and set up everywhere the standard of Christ. Abolish the reign of sin, and establish the kingdom of grace in all hearts. Let humility triumph over pride and ambition; charity over hatred, envy, and malice; purity and temperance over lust and excess; meekness over passion; and disinterestedness and poverty of spirit over covetousness and the love of this perishable world. Let the gospel of Christ, both in its belief and practice, prevail throughout the world.

Grant us thy peace, O Lord, in the days of our mortality, even that peace which thy Son bequeathed as a legacy to his disciples; a perpetual peace with thee, a perpetual peace with one another, and a perpetual peace within themselves. Grant that all Christian princes and states may love, cherish, and maintain an inviolable peace among themselves. Give them a right sense of the dreadful evils that attend on wars. Give them an everlasting horror of the bloodshed, the devastation, and ruin of so many territories, the innumerable sacrileges, and the eternal loss of so many thousand souls, which are the dismal consequences of war. Turn their hearts to another kind of warfare, and teach them to fight for a heavenly kingdom.

Remove, O Lord, thy wrath, which we have reason to apprehend actually hanging over our heads for our sins. Deliver all Christian people from the dreadful evil of mortal sin; make all sinners sensible of their misery; give them the grace of a sincere conversion to thee, and a truly penitential spirit, and discharge them from all their bonds. Preserve all Christendom, and, in particular, this nation, from all the evils that threaten impenitent sinners, such as plagues, famines, earthquakes, fires, inundations, mortality of cattle, sudden and unprovided death, and thy many other judgments here, and eternal damnation hereafter. Comfort all that are under any affliction, sickness, or violence of pain; support all that

are under temptation reconcile all that are at variance deliver all that are in slavery or captivity; defend all that are in danger; grant a relief to all in their respective necessities; give a happy passage to all that are in their agony. Grant thy blessing to our friends and benefactors, and to all those for whom we are particularly bound to pray; and have mercy on all our enemies. Give eternal rest to all the faithful departed; and bring us all to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ thy Son. Amen.



Prayers for the Church, for the Ruling Powers, etc.

WE pray thee, O Almighty and Eternal God! who, through Jesus Christ, hast revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue, with unchanging faith, in the confession of thy name.

We pray thee, who alone art good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal, and sanctity of life, our chief bishop N. N., the vicar of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, N. N. (or, *if he is not consecrated*, our bishop elect); all other bishops, prelates, and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise amongst us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct thy people into the ways of salvation.

We pray thee, O God of might, wisdom, and justice! through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist, with thy holy spirit of counsel and fortitude, the President of these United States; that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to thy people,

over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessings of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this State, for the members of assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare; that they may be enabled, by thy powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to thy unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow-citizens, throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge, and sanctified in the observance, of thy most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and, after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray thee, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of thy servants departed, who are gone before us, with the sign of faith, and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relations, and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation; and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors, who by their donations or legacies to this church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship, and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech thee, a place of refreshment, light, and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Instructions for Hearing Mass

SECTION I.

WHAT THE MASS IS, AND FOR WHAT END IT IS TO BE OFFERED.

FROM the beginning of the world the servants of God were always accustomed to offer sacrifice to Him, by way of acknowledging his sovereignty, and paying their homage to Him; and in all ancient religions, true or false, this worship of sacrifice was always looked upon as a most solemn act of religion, due to the Deity which was worshipped.

In the law of nature, and in the law of Moses, there was a great variety of sacrifices: some bloody, in which the victim was slain; others unbloody. Some were called holocausts, or whole burnt-offerings, in which the whole host or victim was consumed in fire upon God's altar, for his honor and glory; others were called sin-offerings, which were offered for sins; others were offerings of thanksgivings; others were pacific or peace-offerings, which were offered for obtaining favors of God,—the word "peace" in the Scripture style signifying all manner of good and prosperity.

All these sacrifices of the law of nature, and of the law of Moses, were of themselves but weak and needy elements, and only figures of a sacrifice to come, viz. that of Jesus Christ: in consideration of which sacrifice only, and of the faith of the offerers, by which they believed in the Redeemer to come, those ancient sacrifices were then accepted by the divine Majesty, when they were accompanied with the inward sacrifice of the heart: but not for any intrinsic worth or dignity of the things offered; for no other blood but the blood of Christ could wash away sins. Hence, in the 39th Psalm,—spoken in the person of Christ to his Father,—we read: "Sacrifice and oblation Thou didst not desire, but a body Thou hast prepared for me" (so St. Paul reads it, Heb. x. 5). "Burnt-offering and sin-offering Thou didst not require: then said I, Behold, I come" All which gives us

to understand, that by reason of the insufficiency of the sacrifices of the old law, Christ himself would come to be our sacrifice, and would offer up his own body and blood for us.

Accordingly, our Saviour Jesus Christ, at the time appointed by his Father, having taken flesh for us, was pleased to offer himself a sacrifice for us, dying upon the cross for the sins of the whole world. By this one offering we were completely redeemed, inasmuch as our ransom was paid, and all mercy, grace, and salvation, were purchased for us. Neither can there now be any need of his dying any more, or purchasing any other graces for us than those for which He has already paid the price of his blood.

Nevertheless, for the daily application of this one eternal redemption to our souls, and that the mercy, grace, and salvation which He has purchased for us may be actually communicated to us; He not only continually appears in our behalf in the sanctuary of heaven, there representing and offering to his Father his death and passion for us; but has also instituted the blessed Eucharist, the night before his passion, in which He has bequeathed us his body and blood, under the sacramental veils, not only to be received by us as a sacrament, for the food and nourishment of our souls, but also to be offered and presented by his ministers to his Father (mystically broken and shed) as a sacrifice: not by way of a new death, but by way of a standing memorial of his death; a daily celebrating and representing his death to God, and an applying to our souls the fruits of it.

This eucharistic sacrifice of the body and blood of Christ, daily offered under the forms of bread and wine, in remembrance of his passion, is what we call the Mass. This is the solemn liturgy of the Catholic Church. This is that pure offering which is made to God in every place among the Gentiles, according to the prophecy of Malachi (i. 10, 11). By this Christ is a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedech (Psalm cix.), whose sacrifice was bread and wine (Gen. xv.).

This sacrifice of the Mass is the same in substance with that which Christ offered for us upon the cross; because both the victim offered, and the priest, or principal offerer, is the same Jesus Christ. The difference is only in the manner

ner of the offering; because upon the cross our Saviour offered himself in such a manner, as really to shed his blood, and die for us; whereas now He does not really shed his blood, nor die any more. And therefore this is called an unbloody sacrifice; and that of the cross a bloody sacrifice.

By reason of this near alliance which this sacrifice of the Mass has with the sacrifice of the cross, it completely answers all the different ends of sacrifice, and that in a manner infinitely more perfect than any of the ancient sacrifices. Christ is here both priest and victim, representing in person, and offering up his death and passion to his Father.

This sacrifice of the Mass is offered up to God, in the Catholic Church, first, as a daily remembrance of the passion of Christ: "Do this for a commemoration of me" (S. Luke xxii.). Secondly, as a most solemn worship of the divine Majesty. Thirdly, as a most acceptable thanksgiving to God; from whence it has the name of Eucharist. Fourthly, as a most powerful means to move God to show mercy to us in the forgiveness of our sins; for which reason we call it propitiatory. And, lastly, as a most effectual way to obtain of God all that we want, coming to Him, as we here do, with Christ and through Christ.

For these ends, both priest and people ought to offer up the sacrifice of the Mass; the priest, as Christ's minister, and in his person; and the people, by the hands of the priest; and both the one and the other, by the hands of the great High Priest Jesus Christ. And with this offering of Christ's, both the one and the other ought to make a total offering of themselves also by his hands, and in union with him.

SECTION II.

ON THE MANNER OF HEARING OR ASSISTING AT MASS.

THERE are various methods of profitably hearing or assisting at Mass. One method is, to follow the Priest in the Ordinary of the Mass as contained in the Missal; joining with him, as far as the laity may, in the very words of the service, and uniting our intention with him in what he does

as priest for the people. To enable all persons, even those who do not understand Latin, to follow the service, translations of the Ordinary and Canon of the Mass have been made into almost all languages, and circulated by authority. Another method of assisting at Mass is to accompany the Priest through the different parts of the service with appropriate devotions, similar to those he is using and directed to the same general ends, uniting our intention with his, but not using or not confining ourselves to the words of the Ordinary. A form of devotion for this purpose, compiled from the most common and approved methods, is given in the present volume. A third method is to apply the service to the purpose of meditation on the life or passion of our Lord, or on any other subject. A specimen of such meditation has also been given.

With a view, however, to assist at Mass profitably in any of these ways, it is necessary that we should make ourselves well acquainted with the nature and scope of this most sublime of all services. We should make ourselves familiar with it in all its parts,—with the ceremonies and movements which indicate them, and the devotions appropriate for each. For this purpose, we cannot do better than study with attention the service itself, with the rubrics which direct and in some degree explain the ceremonies. For this purpose, in the present edition of the Ordinary of the Mass, the rubrical directions have been given very fully.

It will add very greatly to our interest in the Mass, as well as to the profit to be derived from it, if we endeavor, as much as possible, to enter into the special character and bearing of the service as it is applied by the Church to the different seasons or days of the year. By means of the variable parts of the service,—the Introit, the Collect, the Epistle and Gospel, the Offertory, the Secrets, the Communion and Post-Communion,—the greatest possible variety, and the most touching effect, is given to the service for different seasons and days; and they who do not avail themselves of it, lose a very great advantage and an exquisite pleasure. It is manifest that very different feelings should predominate in our minds, and very different ideas be present to them, at Lent and Easter, Advent and Whitsuntide. The Church, by means of the variable parts of the

service, directs the mind to the proper subject of contemplation, and throws a wonderful light upon it by its quotations and adaptations of Scripture. All, therefore, who have leisure and opportunity should *study beforehand* the service for the day, and thus prepare themselves for joining intelligently, and with the greatest profit, in the public Mass.

For the same purpose also (not to mention here its other great advantages), we should endeavor to make ourselves acquainted with the history of those saints whose names are in the calendar, and who are commemorated at Mass on the days of their festival. The service on these days holds up these saints as examples for our imitation: we should therefore acquaint ourselves with their characters, the trials through which they passed, the good works they performed, and the virtues for which they were most remarkable.

It may be useful to give here a short sketch of the Mass service, and explanation of its different parts, as an introduction to the study of larger works, and for the sake of those who may not have time or opportunity for more extensive reading.*

SECTION III.

A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE MASS.

THE Mass may be divided into six parts.

I The general preparation which is made at the foot of the altar, before the Priest ascends the steps, by the general confession of Priest and people.

II Another and more particular preparation for the sacrifice, by acts of praise, faith, and instruction. This part begins at the Introit, and includes the Epistle, Gospel, and Creed.

III The preparation and sanctification of the bread and

* Mr. Oakeley's new work "The Office and Ceremonies of the Mass explained," will be found very useful. There are also others by Glover, Challenor &c

was for the use of the sacrifice. This part includes from the Offertory to the Preface or Canon.

IV. The Canon of the Mass, or main action of the sacrifice including all from the Preface to the beginning of the Lord's Prayer.

V. The Communion, or sacramental part of the Mass, which includes the Pater-noster, the Communion itself, and the ablutions.

VI The public Thanksgiving after Communion, from the prayer called the Communion to the end.

At the beginning of the Mass, the Priest, having placed the chalice and paten on the altar, covered with the pall, and having prepared the book, returns to the foot of the altar-steps, and standing there, repeats alternately with the clerks the 42d Psalm, *Judica me, Deus, &c.* (Judge me, O God, &c.). You may either repeat this Psalm with him, or use any other prayer, by way of general preparation for the service.

Then follows the *Confiteor*, or general confession, which is made as in the presence of God and the whole court of heaven, by the priest and people alternately, with mutual prayers for the pardon and forgiveness of their sins. The Priest then alone prays for pardon and absolution; and he and all the people sign themselves with the sign of the cross, from the forehead to the breast. You may either repeat the *Confiteor*, or make use of any other form of confession of your sins.

After the *Confiteor*, a few versicles are read by the Priest and clerks. And then the Priest ascends the steps to the altar, which he kisses, saying meanwhile the prayers *Aufer a nobis, &c.* (Take away from us, &c. &c.), and *Oramus te, Domine* (We beseech Thee, O Lord). You may say with him these simple and beautiful prayers.

Then he goes to the side of the altar on his right hand, on which the book is placed, and which is called the Epistle side, and reads the *Introit*, which consists of one or two verses from the Psalms, or other part of Scripture, expressive of humility or confidence, prayer or praise, which is one of the notes of the appropriate feeling for the service of the day. You may either join in this, or use a similar prayer of your own. After the *Introit*, the Priest returns to the

middle of the altar, repeating alternately with the clerks the *Kyrie eleison*, which are short and earnest cries for mercy to each Person of the Blessed Trinity,—than which nothing can be more affecting, or appropriate for all.

Then he says the *Gloria in excelsis*, which is a hymn of praise to God, than which none more simple or sublime can be found. You should therefore join in this with all the affection of your heart. At High Mass, after the Priest has said the *Gloria*, the choir sings it, and the service pauses until it is concluded, during which time the Priest and congregation remain in devout contemplation. In Masses for the dead, and during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent, this joyful hymn is not said or sung, except on high festivals occurring within those seasons.

After the *Gloria*, the Priest salutes the people with *Dominus vobiscum* (The Lord be with you); and they answer, *Et cum spiritu tuo* (And with thy spirit).

Then he goes to the book and reads the Collect or Collects for the day, concluding the first and last with *Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, &c.* (Through Jesus Christ our Lord). The Collects are short prayers for some special grace or blessing for the Church, appropriate to the season or day. You should join in these if possible, or at least unite your intention with that of the Priest by saying a fervent Amen.

After this follows the Epistle, which (as well as the Gospel) is a short portion of Scripture, selected by the Church for meditation and instruction, and adapted to the seasons and days. These generally harmonize with the Introit and Offertory, and form the most important parts of the variable portions of the Mass. If we cannot follow them, we must endeavor to make some suitable meditation or prayer while they are being read.

At the close of the Epistle, the book is removed to the other side of the altar, which is called the Gospel side; the Priest meantime saying the Gradual at the middle of the altar. The Gradual consists of some verses of Scripture, which vary to suit the seasons and service. They are so called because they used to be said on the steps of the pulpits. On four occasions, after the Gradual, is said a hymn, which is called a Sequence, or Prose; viz. at Easter, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, and in Masses for the dead.

At the reading of the Gospel, all stand up in token of reverence for the word of Christ, and to express a readiness to obey his commands. The Priest, having first saluted the people with *Dominus vobiscum*, makes the sign of the cross with his thumb on the Gospel, saying, *Initium vel sequentia*, &c. (The beginning, or continuation of the Gospel according to, &c.), and then signs himself on the forehead, lips, and breast, the people all doing the same. This signifies the desire of all to profess the Gospel openly, to confess it by word of mouth, and to keep it in their hearts; and the clerk says, *Gloria tibi, Domine* (Glory be to Thee, O Lord). The Gospel being finished, the clerk says, *Laus tibi, Christe* (Praise be to Thee, O Christ).

After the Gospel, usually follows the sermon, when there is one, but sometimes it is deferred until Mass is finished. The proper time is after the Gospel; and the sermon is frequently on some subject taken from or connected with the Gospel or Epistle of the day. When the sermon is finished, the Priest returns to the middle of the altar, and, all the people standing up, says the Nicene Creed. This is a solemn profession of our faith, and cannot be said too often, or meditated upon too much. At the words, *Homo factus est* (Was made man), all kneel down in reverence of the Incarnation; and the head is bowed at the sacred Name of Jesus, both here and at other times when it is solemnly mentioned. At High Mass, the Priests sit and the service pauses while the choir sings the *Credo*, during which time we may meditate on some of its mysteries, appropriate to the season.

Here ends the introductory part of the Mass the mind having been prepared, by these various acts of confession, praise, instruction, and profession of faith, for the more solemn part of the service which is to follow, viz. the Sacrifice. Previous, however, to the Canon or main action of the Mass, the sacrifice itself, comes the solemn oblation and blessing of the matter of the sacrifice, the bread and the wine. This part of the service begins with

The Offertory, which is a verse or sentence of Scripture, varying with the season or day. It was called the Offertory because it was the custom for the people to offer at this time bread and wine for the sacrifice. Afterwards the offering was made in money, collected from the people, which is still

done, or ought to be done. There can be no more appropriate time to make offerings of our substance to God for the Church and for the poor, than when about to commemorate his love in offering himself a sacrifice upon the cross for us. Having said the Offertory, the Priest spreads upon the altar the cloth called the corporal, so called because it touches the body (*corpus*) of our Lord. He then takes the paten (from *patena*, a plate), with the Host (from *hostia*, a victim, because it is to become the body of Him who was offered as a victim for us) upon it, he elevates it in both his hands, and offers it to God, saying the prayer, *Suscipe, sancte Pater* (Receive, O holy Father). Having said this prayer, he takes the chalice and goes to the Epistle side of the altar, where the clerk waits with wine and water. He first pours the wine into the chalice, and then takes a small quantity of water in a spoon, which he mixes with the wine, having first made the sign of the cross over the water, and saying the prayer, *Deus, qui humanæ substantiæ* (O God, who in creating human nature, &c.). Water is mixed with the wine, from a tradition that our blessed Lord used wine mixed with water at the Last Supper; and also to typify the water which flowed with the blood from our Lord's pierced side.

Then returning to the middle of the altar, he elevates and offers up the wine, saying the prayer, *Offerimus tibi, Domine* (We offer unto thee, O Lord, &c.). Then bowing down, he prays that the sacrifice about to be offered may be acceptable to the Lord.

The matter of the sacrifice is now prepared and dedicated to God; but as a further act of preparation, and to show the extreme purity with which the sacrifice ought to be approached, the Priest goes again to the Epistle side of the altar, and being supplied with water by the clerk, washes and wipes the tips of his fingers, saying the psalm, *Lavabo inter innocentes* (I will wash my hands, &c.).

Then returning again to the middle of the altar, he bows down, and says the prayer, *Suscipe, sancta Trinitas* (Receive, O holy Trinity), praying the holy Trinity to accept the sacrifice in remembrance of the passion of Christ, and in honor of the saints. And then turning to the people, he begs them to pray for the same end, which they do in the prayer that follows.

Then turning to the book, he reads the *Secreta*. It is so called because said secretly, that is, inaudibly, by the Priest. It is a short prayer, corresponding to the Collect for the day. At the end of it, he says aloud, *Per omnia sæcula sæculorum* (World without end); and then *Sursum cordi* and the other versicles which follow, concluding with the Preface. The Preface is so called because it is the immediate introduction to the Canon, or most holy part of the Mass. It is a very ancient and most beautiful hymn, concluding with the *Sanctus*, or Holy, holy, holy, which is called the seraphic hymn. When the Priest commences the *Sanctus*, he lowers his voice, and bows down profoundly, and the bell is rung, to summon all to increased attention and solemnity of feeling, as the time approaches for the awful sacrifice. Join in the hymn, and prepare yourself, with all humility and intensity of devotion, for what is to follow in the next part of the Mass, which is THE CANON.

The Canon means the *rule* or *order* which must be followed in offering the sacrifice, and which cannot be changed. It commences by calling upon God to bless and sanctify the gifts offered to Him in sacrifice on behalf of the Church, and of all the faithful, and for persons in particular.

Both here and in the preceding Offertory prayers, the mystical sacrifice of the altar is anticipated, and considered in some sense to commence from the time of the offering of the bread and wine; and they are therefore called that which they are presently to become, the "immaculate host," the "chalice of salvation," the "unspotted sacrifice."

After having prayed in particular for those he wishes to pray for, and for the congregation present, he mentions the names of the blessed Virgin Mary, the twelve apostles, and of twelve celebrated martyrs of Rome, in token of our communion with the saints in heaven, for their honor, and for obtaining their intercession. Our devotions at this time should consist in uniting our intention with that of the Priest, and praying for all whom we wish to remember before God. At the prayer *Hanc igitur* (We therefore beseech thee, &c.), the Priest spreads his hands over the oblation, and the bell rings again, because it is the beginning of the consecration prayers, and the bread and wine will now in a few moments become the body and blood of Christ. At this time the most profound stillness is observed, while the

Priest repeats the words of Christ at the Last Supper which is the act of consecration and the moment of transubstantiation. After having consecrated each kind, he kneels, adores, and then elevates it, and the bell is rung thrice at each elevation. Our devotion at this time should be that of the most profound adoration, in body and soul, of the most awful and august presence of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ under the sacramental veils. No words are necessary here; but if words be needed, the *Ave verum corpus* (Hail, true body, &c.), or *Adoro te devote, &c.* (I adore thee devoutly, O hidden Deity, &c.), may be said.

After the consecration, the Priest says three short prayers. the first, offering again to God that pure and holy Host, or victim, who is now truly on the altar; the second, beseeching Him to accept it, as He was pleased to accept the ancient sacrifices of Abel, Abraham, and Melchisedech, which were all typical of this; and the third, that this sacrifice on the altar may at the same time be offered by his holy angel (by which is meant our Lord himself) on the altar on high, that is, before God in heaven, and that as many as partake of the sacrament may be filled with every grace and blessing.

Then the Priest says the *Memento* for the dead. Prayers are offered for the living before the sacrifice, because they can unite in the offering; prayer is made for the dead after the sacrifice, because they can only participate in its fruits and effects by our prayers. First, he prays for any who have in particular been commended to him; and then for all who "sleep in Christ," that the merits of this most efficacious sacrifice may be communicated to them, for their refreshment, light, and peace. At this time we should commend to God those of our relations and friends who have died, and particularly those, if any, whom we may have injured by our bad example or neglect.

Having prayed for the dead, the Priest, striking his breast, in token of humility and unworthiness, prays for himself and all present, that they may have their portion and fellowship with the apostles, martyrs, and saints, and be admitted at last into their company in heaven, through Christ our Lord, by whom we receive all blessings, and with and through whom we ascribe all honor and glory to God, forever and ever. *per omnia sæcula sæculorum.* He says

these last words aloud. Every one will join in the prayer, either in the same or similar words. This concludes that part of the Mass which we have called the Sacrifice. The Priest now prepares himself for the communion, which is the next division.

First, he says the Lord's Prayer aloud, and expands the last petition, "deliver us from evil," into another prayer which he concludes with the words, *per omnia sæcula sæculi*, aloud. Then breaking the Host, or consecrated wafer, in half, and breaking off a small particle from one half, he makes the sign of the cross with it over the chalice, saying, *Pax Domini*: (The peace of the Lord be always with you); and the clerk answers, And with thy spirit. He then puts the particle into the chalice, saying the prayer, *Hæc commixtio, &c.* (May this mixture, &c.).

Then Jesus Christ is addressed three times as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world;" twice we implore him to "have mercy upon us;" and, lastly, to "give us peace," that peace which He promised to his disciples before He left the world, and with which He saluted them on his resurrection. Each time the Priest says the *Agnus Dei*, he strikes himself on the breast. There cannot be a more beautiful and touching devotion than this. The full heart can find no better way of relieving itself than by these words and this action.

In Masses for the Dead, instead of *Miserere nobis* (Have mercy upon us), is said, *Dona eis requiem* (Give them rest).

The Priest then, fixing his eyes reverently upon the sacred Host, says three prayers of preparation for receiving the holy communion, addressed to that "Lord Jesus Christ" whom then he holds in his hands, and on whom he is then looking. These three prayers are earnest petitions that he may receive the same body and blood of Christ, not to his condemnation but salvation, that he may be delivered thereby from all sin and evil, and be never separated from his Lord and God. Then taking the Host in his hand, he says, *Panem celestem, &c.* (I will take the bread of heaven, &c.). During these prayers, and at this time, we may unite ourselves in spirit with the Priest, and prepare to receive Jesus Christ spiritually, although we may not intend to communicate really. If we intend to communicate, no better prayers can be used at this time.

The Priest then says three times, striking his breast each time, *Domine, non sum dignus, &c.* (Lord, I am not worthy, &c.); and then reverently receives the Host, saying, *Corpus Domini nostri, &c.* (The body of our Lord, &c.). Then, after a short meditation on the stupendous mystery, he uncovers the chalice, and adores the sacred blood, gathers up the smallest fragments that may be on the corporal in the paten, and puts them into the chalice. Then taking the chalice in his hands, and saying the words of the psalm, *Quid retribuam Domino, &c.* (What shall I render unto the Lord, &c.), and *Sanguis Domini nostri* (The blood of our Lord, &c.), he receives the blood of our Saviour.

At the *Domine, non sum dignus*, the bell is rung, and all who intend to communicate go up to the rail or steps of the altar. The clerk repeats the *Confiteor* for them; the Priest opens the tabernacle, adores, and then takes out the ciborium (which is the vessel in which the consecrated particles for communicants are reserved); he then says the absolution, and taking one of the particles in his finger and thumb, he holds it up, saying, *Ecce Agnus Dei, &c.* (Behold the Lamb of God, &c.); and afterwards, *Domine, non sum dignus* (Lord, I am not worthy, &c.) three times, descending the steps the last time; and then he communicates the people, giving to each one the sacred Host, and saying, *Corpus Domini nostri, &c.* (The body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul unto everlasting life. Amen.) Then he returns to the altar, replaces the ciborium in the tabernacle, and proceeds with the ablutions. First, he takes a little wine into the chalice, and drinks it, saying, *Quod ore sumpsimus, &c.* (Grant, O Lord, that what we have taken with our mouth, &c.). Next, wine and water is poured over his fingers and thumbs into the chalice, and he drinks that also. From the time that he first touches the consecrated Host until this time, he never disjoins his fingers and thumbs. Having drunk the wine and water, he wipes his fingers and the chalice with the napkin, and then covers the chalice with the pall, as at first; and here ends the fifth part of the Mass, or the Communion.

If we do not communicate ourselves, we may occupy our time from the beginning of the Priest's communion until now in making a spiritual communion, or in making acts of faith, hope, love, and contrition, or in repeating the Litany

of the Blessed Sacrament, or in any other suitable devotion.

The sixth part of the Mass, or the thanksgiving, begins with the *Communion*; so called because formerly it was the custom to sing it while the Communion was being administered. It consists of a verse, generally taken from the Psalms, and varies with the day or season.

After having read the communion, the Priest returns to the middle of the altar, kisses it, and turning to the people, says, *Dominus vobiscum*. Then he returns to the book and reads the *Post-Communion*; so called because it was first read immediately after Communion, as a thanksgiving to God for the inestimable blessing of having participated in the sacred mysteries, and to ask for the fruits of the same. This is the last prayer of the Mass; after which the Priest shuts the book. He then returns to the centre of the altar, kisses it, and says again, *Dominus vobiscum*; after which he adds, *Ite, missa est* (Go, the Mass is ended). Then first saying the prayer, *Placeat tibi* (O Holy Trinity, let, &c.), he gives the blessing, *Benedicat vos*, making the sign of the cross over the people at the name of the Holy Trinity.

The first chapter of St. John's Gospel is generally read after Mass. It declares, in terms of the greatest simplicity and sublimity, the great mystery of the Incarnation,—the mystery of mysteries, with which all others are connected, and out of which they spring; and of which the mystery of transubstantiation is at once the symbol and chief fruit. All speculative difficulties concerning this last mystery disappear when we consider the former. They who truly believe that, will find no difficulty in this, but will see in the one a sort of natural consequence and confirmation of the other. Well, therefore, may we meditate on this Gospel at the conclusion of the Mass; and with what better thoughts can we occupy ourselves at this time than with these: "THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, and dwelt among us. He was in the world, and the world knew Him not. The Light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. As many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God." *Deo gratias*. Thanks be to God.

When a saint's day falls on a Sunday, the Gospel for the saint's day is read in the Mass, and the Gospel for the Sunday is substituted for that of St. John.

The Ordinary of the Holy Mass

THE ASPERGES.

Ant. Asperges me, Domine, hyssopo, et mundabor : lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.

Ps. Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.

V. Gloria Patri, &c.

Ant. Asperges me.

Ant. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed : thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

Ps. Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

V. Glory be, &c.

Ant. Thou shalt sprinkle me.

The Priest, being returned to the foot of the Altar, says :

V. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.

R. Et salutare tuum da nobis.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. Show us, O Lord, thy mercy.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

<p>Exaudi nos, Domine Hear us, O holy Lord, sancte, Pater omnipotens, almighty Father, eternal æterne Deus ; et mittere God ; and vouchsafe to digneris sanctum angelum send thy holy angel from tuum de cœlis, qui custo- heaven, to guard, cherish, dial, foveat, protegat, vi- protect, visit, and defend sitet, atque defendat om- all that are assembled nes habitantes in hoc in this house. Through habaculo. Per Chris- Christ our Lord. Amen. tum Dominum nostrum. Amen.</p>	
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From Easter to Whitsunday inclusively, instead of the foregoing Anthem, the following is sung, and Alleluia is added to the V. (Ostende nobis), and also to its R. (Et salutare.)

<p>Ant. Vidi aquam egre- Ant. I saw water flow- dientem de templo a la- ing from the right side of tere dextro, Alleluia ; et the temple, Alleluia ; and omnes ad quos pervenit all to whom that water aqua ista salvi facti sunt, came were saved, and et dicent, Alleluia. they shall say, Alleluia.</p>	
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<p>Ps. Confitemini Do- Ps. Praise the Lord, mino, quoniam bonus : for he is good : for his quoniam in sæculum mi- mercy endureth forever. sericordia ejus. Gloria, Glory, &c. &c.</p>	
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SHORT PREPARATORY PRAYERS BEFORE MASS.

Prostrate n spirit at the foot of thy holy altar, I adore thee, O almighty God, and firmly believe that the Mass at which I am going to assist, is the sacrifice of the body and blood of thy Son Christ Jesus. Oh, grant

that I may assist thereat with the attention, respect, and awe due to such august mysteries; and that, by the merits of the Victim there offered for me, I myself may become an agreeable sacrifice to thee, who livest and reignest with the same Son and Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

O most merciful Father of mercies, and God of all consolation, who so lovedst the world that thou sparedst not thine only-begotten Son, but for our restoration gave him up to the suffering and death of the most bitter cross; and moreover willest that his sacrifice, most pleasing unto thee, should daily be renewed in thy Church for the renewal of its fruits in us; grant us, we beseech thee, to assist at this admirable and salutary mystery of thy divine power, wisdom, and goodness, with such attention, reverence, and devotion, that by the offering of this unbloody sacrifice we may most effectually be made partakers of that sacrifice of blood, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Mass.

[N B At Low Mass the parts within brackets are to be passed over.]

*The Priest, standing at the foot of the Altar, and bowing down before it, signs himself with the sign of the Cross from the forehead to the breast, and says with a distinct voice :**

In Nomine Patris, † In the name of the
 et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Father, † and of the Son,
 Amen. and of the Holy Ghost.
 Amen

* At the beginning of High Mass, when the Priest commences at the foot of the Altar, the Choir sing the *Kyrie eleison* &c. (and sometimes

Then, joining his hands before his breast, he begins the Antiphon:

Introibo ad altare Dei. I will go unto the altar of God.

R. Ad Deum, qui lætificat juventutem meam. R. To God, who giveth joy to my youth.

In Masses for the Dead, and from Passion Sunday till Holy Saturday exclusively, the following Psalm is omitted:

Psalm xlii.

S. Judica me, Deus, et discerne causam meam de gente non sancta: ab homine iniquo et doloso erue me. P. Judge me, O God, and distinguish my cause from the nation that is not holy: deliver me from the unjust and deceitful man.

M. Quia tu es, Deus, fortitudo mea, quare me repulisti? et quare tristis incedo dum affligit me inimicus? R. For thou, O God, art my strength, why hast thou cast me off? and why do I go sorrowful whilst the enemy afflicteth me?

S. Emitte lucem tuam et veritatem tuam: ipsa me deduxerunt et adduxerunt in montem sanctum tuum, et in tabernacula tua. P. Send forth thy light and thy truth: they have conducted me and brought me unto thy holy mount, and unto thy tabernacles.

M. Et introibo ad altare Dei: ad Deum, R. And I will go unto the altar of God: to God,

the Introit), which usually lasts until the Gloria in excelsis. Those parts of the Service which are sung by the Choir are also sung in a low voice by the Priest.

qui lætificat juventutem meam. who giveth joy to my youth.

S. Confitebor tibi in cithara, Deus, Deus meus: quare tristis es, anima mea? et quare conturbas me? *P.* I will praise thee on the harp, O God. my God: why art thou sorrowful, O my soul? and why dost thou disquiet me?

M. Spera in Deo, quoniam adhuc confitebor illi: salutare vultus mei, et Deus meus. *R.* Hope in God, for I will still give praise to him: who is the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

S. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. *P.* Glory be to the Father, &c.

M. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. *R.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

V. Introibo ad altare Dei. *V.* I will go unto the altar of God.

R. Ad Deum, qui lætificat juventutem meam. *R.* To God, who giveth joy to my youth.

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini. *V.* Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Qui fecit cælum et terram. *R.* Who hath made heaven and earth.

Then, joining his hands and humbly bowing down, he says the Confession.

S. Confiteor Deo omnipotenti, &c. *P.* I confess to almighty God, &c.

M. Misereatur tui omnipotens Deus, et dimis- *R.* May almighty God have mercy upon thee.

is peccatis tuis, perducatur
te ad vitam æternam.

S. Amen.

M. Confiteor Deo omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ semper Virgini, beato Michaeli Archangelo, beato Joanni Baptistæ, sanctis Apostolis Petro et Paulo, omnibus sanctis, et tibi pater, quia peccavi nimis cogitatione, verbo, et opere, mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, beatum Michaellem Archangelum, beatum Joannem Baptistam, sanctos Apostolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes Sanctos, et te pater, orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to life everlasting.

P. Amen.

K. I confess to almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the saints, and to you, father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed [here strike the breast thrice], through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, and you, O father, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

Then the Priest, with his hands joined, gives the absolution, saying:

S. Misereatur vestri omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis vestris,

P. May almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins.

perducat vos ad vitam and bring you to life
 æternam. everlasting.

M. Amen.

R. Amen.

Signing himself with the sign of the Cross, he says

S. † Indulgentiam, *P.* † May the al-
 absolutionem. et remis- mighty and merciful Lord
 sionem peccatorum nos- grant us pardon, absolu-
 trorum tribuat nobis om- tion, and remission of our
 nipotens et misericors Do- sins.
 minus.

M. Amen.

R. Amen.

Then, bowing down, he proceeds :

V. Deus, tu conversus
 vivificabis nos.

V. Thou wilt turn
 again, O God, and quick-
 en us.

R. Et plebs tua læta-
 bitur in te.

R. And thy people
 shall rejoice in thee.

V. Ostende nobis, Do-
 mine, misericordiam tuam.

V. Show us, O Lord,
 thy mercy.

R. Et salutare tuum
 da nobis.

R. And grant us thy
 salvation.

V. Domine, exaudi ora-
 tionem meam.

V. O Lord, hear my
 prayer.

R. Et clamor meus ad
 te veniat.

R. And let my cry
 come unto thee.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

V. The Lord be with
 you.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

R. And with thy spirit.

First extending, and then joining, his hands, he says audibly,
Oremus ; and then ascending to the Altar, he says secretly :

Aufer a nobis, quæsu- Take away from us our
 mus, Domine, iniquitates iniquities, we beseech thee,

nostras ; ut ad Sancta O Lord ; that we may be
 Sanctorum paris merea- worthy to enter with pure
 mur mentibus introire. minds into the Holy of
 Per Christum Dominum Holies. Through Christ
 nostrum. Amen. our Lord. Amen.

Bowing down over the Altar, he says :

Oramus te, Domine, per	We beseech thee, O
merita sanctorum tuorum	Lord, by the merits of
quorum reliquiæ hic sunt,	thy saints whose relics
et omnium sanctorum, ut	are here, and of all the
indulgere digneris omnia	saints, that thou wouldst
peccata mea. Amen.	vouchsafe to forgive me
	all my sins. Amen.

[Receiving the thurible from the Deacon, he incenses the Altar, and returns the thurible to the Deacon, who incenses the Priest only.] Then the Priest, signing himself with the sign of the Cross, reads the Introit, which see in its place, or else read one of the following :

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and Undivided Unity : we will give praise to him, because he hath shown his mercy to us.

O Lord our Lord, how wonderful is thy name in all the earth !

Glory be to the Father, who hath created us.

Glory be to the Son, who hath redeemed us.

Glory be to the Holy Ghost, who hath sanctified us.

Glory be to the Holy and Undivided Trinity, one God
 forever and ever. Amen.

Or this :

If thou, O Lord, shalt mark iniquities : Lord, who shall abide it ? for with thee is propitiation, O God of Israel.

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord
 Lord, hear my voice.

Or :

(For a Saint's Day.) The just shall flourish like the palm-tree; he shall grow up like the cedar of Libanus: planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing to thy name, O Most High.

Or this :

In thy strength, O Lord, shall the just man rejoice and in thy salvation he shall exult exceedingly: thou hast given him his heart's desire.

For thou hast prevented him with blessings of sweetness; thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones. Glory, &c.

The Kyrie eleison is then said.

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| <i>S.</i> Kyrie eleison. | <i>P.</i> Lord have mercy upon us. |
| <i>M.</i> Kyrie eleison. | <i>R.</i> Lord have mercy upon us. |
| <i>S.</i> Kyrie eleison. | <i>P.</i> Lord have mercy upon us. |
| <i>M.</i> Christe eleison | <i>R.</i> Christ have mercy upon us. |
| <i>S.</i> Christe eleison. | <i>P.</i> Christ have mercy upon us. |
| <i>M.</i> Christe eleison | <i>R.</i> Christ have mercy upon us. |
| <i>S.</i> Kyrie eleison. | <i>P.</i> Lord have mercy upon us. |
| <i>M.</i> Kyrie eleison. | <i>R.</i> Lord have mercy upon us. |
| <i>S.</i> Kyrie eleison. | <i>P.</i> Lord have mercy upon us. |

Afterwards, standing at the middle of the Altar, extending, and then joining, his hands, and slightly bowing, he says (when it is to be said) the Gloria in excelsis. When he says the words, We adore thee, we give thee thanks, Jesus Christ, and Receive our prayer, he bows, and at the end he signs himself with the sign of the Cross.*

<p>Gloria in excelsis Deo ; et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te ; benedicimus te ; adoramus te ; glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex cœlestis, Deus pater om- nipotens. Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe : Domine Deus. Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis : qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram : qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, mi- serere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus : tu solus Dominus : tu solus altis- simus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.</p>	<p>Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise thee ; we bless thee ; we adore thee ; we glorify thee. We give thee thanks for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the on- ly-begotten Son : O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us : thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayers : thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For thou only art holy : thou only art the Lord : thou only, O Jesus Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</p>
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* The *Gloria* is omitted during Lent and Advent, and in Masses for the Dead. At High Mass the Choir sing the *Gloria*, and the officiating Clergy wait until its conclusion, after which the Celebrant proceeds with the Collects.

The Priest kisses the Altar, and turning to the people, says

V. Dominus vobiscum. V. The Lord be with you.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo. R. And with thy spirit.

Then follow the Collects; at the end of the first and last of which, the Acolyte answers, Amen.

The Collects vary with the season. They may be found in their proper place in the Missal, or any of the following, may be used instead.*

O God, the protector of all that hope in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; multiply thy mercy upon us; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through temporal goods, that we finally lose not those which are eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Defend us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all dangers of soul and body; and, by the intercession of the glorious and blessed Mary ever Virgin, Mother of God, the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, the blessed N. and all thy Saints, grant us, in thy mercy, health and peace; that all adversities and errors being done away, thy Church may serve thee with a pure and undisturbed devotion. Through, &c.

O God, who hast prepared invistible good things for them that love thee; pour forth into our hearts the grace of thy love; that, loving thee in all things and above all things, we may come to the enjoyment of thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire. Through, &c.

O almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is sanctified and governed:

* The same remark applies to the *Epistle, Gradual, Gospel, Offertory, Communion, and Post-Communion.*

hear our humble supplications for all degrees and orders thereof, that, by the assistance of thy grace, they may faithfully serve thee. Through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

O God, the pastor and governor of all the faithful, look down, in thy mercy, on thy servant N., whom thou hast appointed to preside over thy Church; and grant, we beseech thee, that both by word and example, he may edify all those who are under his charge; so that, with the flock intrusted to him, he may arrive at length at life everlasting. Through, &c. Amen.

Then the Epistle for the day is read, which may be found in its proper place; or the following may be read instead:

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men: the Lord is nigh. Be not solicitous about any thing: but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. For the rest, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are modest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are holy, whatsoever things are amiable, whatsoever things are of good repute, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise of discipline, think on these things. The things which you have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, these do ye; and the God of peace shall be with you.

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is luxury; but be ye filled with the Holy Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual canticles, sing-

ing, and making melody in your hearts to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to God and the Father.

After which is said :

Deo gratias.

Thanks be to God

Then the Gradual, Tract, Alleluia. or Sequence, according to the time

For the Gradual.*

Be thou unto me a God, a protector, and a house of refuge to save me. In thee, O God, have I hoped ; O Lord, let me never be confounded.

Deal not with us, O Lord, according to our sins which we have committed, nor punish us according to our in-

A Prayer at the Epistle.

O eternal God, who never ceasest to incite us, by the public ministry of thy Church, the warnings of Prophets, the teachings of Apostles, and the writings of holy men, to the love and worship of thy Name, and to defend us from the snares of the world, the flesh, and the devil ; grant that we may always gladly embrace all wholesome doctrine and instruction, and seriously endeavor to regulate our life and conduct in accordance with the same. And lest it should turn to our greater condemnation to have known, by so many teachers and preachers, the way of truth, which is thy holy will, and not to have followed it, give us grace and strength, that what we have so often heard, and know to be our duty, we may be able faithfully to perform. Amen.

* The Choir sing the *Gradual*, while the book is moved to the Gospel side, and the Priest says the prayer (*Munda cor meum*), "Cleanse my heart," &c.

antiphona V. Help us, O God our Saviour; and for the glory of thy name, O Lord, deliver us, and forgive us our sins for thy name's sake.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Come unto him, and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be confounded. Alleluia, Alleluia. Oh, clap your hands, all ye nations: shout unto God with the voice of joy. Alleluia.

After this, at High Mass, the Deacon places the book of the Gospels on the Altar, and the Celebrant blesses the incense (as above). Then the Deacon, kneeling before the Altar, with joined hands, says:

Munda cor meum ac labia mea, omnipotens Deus. qui labia Isaiae prophetæ calculo mundasti ignito: ita me tua gratia miseratione dignare mundare, ut sanctum Evangelium tuum digne valeam nuntiare. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.	Cleanse my heart and my lips, O almighty God, who didst cleanse the lips of the prophet Isaiah with a burning coal: and youchsafe, through thy gracious mercy, so to purify me, that I may worthily proclaim thy holy Gospel. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
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Afterwards he takes the book from the Altar, and again kneeling down before the Priest, asks his blessing, saying, Sir, give me thy blessing. The Priest says:

Dominus sit in corde tuo et in labiis tuis, ut digne et competenter annunties Evangelium nostrum: in nomine Pa-	The Lord be in thy heart and on thy lips, that thou mayst worthily and in a becoming manner announce his holy
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tris. et Filii, et **✠** Spiritus Sancti. Amen. Gospel: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and **✠** of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Having received the blessing he kisses the hand of the Priest and then, with incense and lighted candles, he goes to the place where the Gospel is read, and, standing with his hands joined, says:

V. Dominus vobiscum. V. The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo. R. And with thy spirit.

Then, giving out:

V. Sequentia (vel initium) sancti Evangelii secundum N. V. The continuation (or beginning) of the holy Gospel according to N.

he makes the sign of the Cross with the thumb of his right hand on the Gospel which he is to read, and on his forehead, mouth, and breast (the people doing the same); and while the Minister and people answer:

R. Gloria tibi, Domine. R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

he incenses the book three times, and then reads the Gospel

For the Gospel

Let your loins be girded, and lamps burning in your hands, and you yourselves like to men who wait for their lord, when he shall return from the wedding; that when he cometh, and knocketh, they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord, when he cometh, shall find watching. Amen!

say to you, that he will gird himself, and make them sit down to meat, and will minister to them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or if he shall come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. But this know ye, that if a master of a family bid know at what hour the thief would come, he would surely watch, and would not suffer his house to be broken open. Be ye also ready; for at what hour you think not, the Son of man will come.

Then Peter answering, said to him: Behold, we have left all things, and have followed thee: what, therefore, shall we have? And Jesus said to them: Amen I say unto you, that ye, who have followed me, in the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit on the seat of his majesty, you also shall sit on twelve seats, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundred-fold, and shall possess life everlasting.

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he shall give you another Paraclete, that he may abide with you forever, the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive; because it seeth him not, nor knoweth him: but you shall know him; because he shall abide with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you orphans: I will come to you. Yet a little while; and the world seeth me no more. But ye see me; because I live, and you shall live. In that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me. And he that loveth me, shall be loved by my Father: and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Then is said:

R. Laus tibi, Christe. R. Praise be to thee,
O Christ.

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*The Subdeacon then carries the book to the Priest.
He kisses the Gospel, saying :*

Per evangelica dicta By the words of the
deleantur nostra delicta. Gospel may our sins be
blotted out.

The Priest is incensed by the Deacon.]

If the Priest celebrates without Deacon and Subdeacon, the book is carried to the other side of the Altar, and he, bowing down at the middle of the Altar, with his hands joined says, Cleanse my heart, &c.; Give me thy blessing, O Lord; and The Lord be in my heart, &c., as above. Then, turning towards the book, with his hands joined, he says, V. The Lord be with you; R. And with thy spirit and giving out the Continuation or Beginning, &c., signs the book and himself, as before directed; the Minister and people say, Glory be to thee, O Lord, and he reads the Gospel; which being ended, the Minister says, Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Here the Sermon is usually preached.

Then, at the middle of the Altar, extending, elevating, and joining his hands, the Priest says the Nicene Creed (when it is to be said), keeping his hands joined. When he says the words, God, Jesus Christ, and is adored, he bows his head to the Cross. But at the words, and was incarnate,

A Prayer at the Gospel.

O Lord Jesus, who, according to thy Father's will, hast declared unto the world the message of the Gospel; grant that we may receive it into our minds, embrace it with our wills, preserve it in our memory, and practise it in our lives; and, being united here with those elect sheep who hear thy voice, may be numbered with them also at the last day at thy right hand, and hear thee say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, possess you the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

he kneels down, and continues kneeling to the words, was made man. At the words, the life of the world to come, he signs himself with the sign of the Cross from the forehead to the breast.

Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, Factorem cœli et terræ, visibilium omnium et in- visibilium.	I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Ma- ker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.
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Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum, et ex Pa- tre natum ante omnia sæ- cula. Deum de Deo; Lu- men de Lumine; Deum verum de Deo vero; geni- tum non factum; consub- stantialem Patri, per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines, et propter nostram salutem, descendit de cœlis, et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto, ex Maria Virgine:	And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God of God; Light of Light; true God of true God; begotten, not made; consubstantial with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary: AND WAS
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Prayer before the Sermon.

I will hear what the Lord will say unto me.

O Jesus, light of the world, enlighten my understand-
ing, that I may understand thy word; and cleanse my
heart, that it may bring forth the fruits of the same.

After the Sermon.

I give thee thanks, O Lord God, that thou hast been
pleased to refresh my soul by thy word. Direct my steps
according to thy commandments.

ET HOMO FACTUS EST. MADE MAN. [*Here the people kneel down.*] *[Hic genuflectitur.]* Crucifixus etiam pro nobis: crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. The third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; et ascendit in cœlum, sedet ad dexteram Patris: et iterum venturus est cum gloria judicare vivos et mortuos: cujus regni non erit finis. and he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead: of whose kingdom there shall be no end.

Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem, qui ex Patre Filioque procedit: qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur et conglorificatur; qui locutus est per prophetas. Et unam sanctam Catholicam et Apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum baptismum in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum, et vitam venturi sæculi. Amen.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and life-giver, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son: who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified; who spake by the prophets. And one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

* At High Mass the Choir sing the *Credo*, and the Clergy pause until the conclusion.

Then he kisses the Altar, and, turning to the people, says :

V. Dominus vobiscum. V. The Lord be with
you.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo. R. And with thy spirit.

This being finished, the Priest takes the paten with the Host [if it is High Mass, the Deacon hands the Priest the paten with the Host], and offering it up, says :

Suscipe, sancte Pater, Accept, O holy Father,
omnipotens, æterne Deus, almighty, eternal God,
hanc immaculatam Hostiam, this immaculate Host,
quam ego indignus which I, thy unworthy
servant, offero tibi servant, offer unto thee,
Deo meo vivo et vero, pro my living and true God,
innumerabilibus peccatis, for my innumerable sins,
et offensionibus, et negli- offences, and negligences
gentiis meis, et pro omni- and for all here present ;
bus circumstantibus ; sed as also for all faithful
et pro omnibus fidelibus Christians, both living
Christianis, vivis atque and dead, that it may be
defunctis ; ut mihi et illis profitable for my own and
proficiat ad salutem in for their salvation unto
vitam æternam. Amen. life eternal. Amen.

*Then he says the Offertory.**

For the Offertory.

The angel of the Lord shall encamp round about them
that fear him, and shall deliver them : oh, taste and see
that the Lord is good.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all he hath
done for thee : and thy youth shall be renewed like the
eagles's.

I will extol thee, O Lord, for thou hast upheld

* The Choir sing the Offertory, or some other motett or hymn

me; and hast not made mine enemies to rejoice over me: O Lord, I have cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

Then, making the sign of the Cross with the paten, he places the Host upon the corporal. The Priest pours wine and water into the chalice, blessing the water before it is mixed, saying:

<p>Deus, † qui humanæ substantiæ dignitatem mirabiliter condidisti, et mirabilius reformasti; da nobis per hujus Aquæ et Vini mysterium, ejus divinitatis esse consortes, qui humanitatis nostræ fieri dignatus est particeps, Jesus Christus, Filius tuus, Dominus noster: qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum. Amen.</p>	<p>O God, † who, in creating human nature, didst wonderfully dignify it; and hast still more wonderfully renewed it; grant that, by the mystery of this Water and Wine, we may be made partakers of his divinity, who vouchsafed to become partaker of our humanity, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of, &c.</p>
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[If it is a High Mass, the Deacon ministers the wine, the Subdeacon the water.]

During the oblation of the bread and wine.

C Lor. Jesus Christ, Son of the living God and of the glorious Virgin; in remembrance and praise of thy boundless love, with which thou didst give thyself wholly to us upon the altar of the cross, behold I offer unto thee this day this present sacrifice of the mass, together with all those which are celebrated throughout the world, by the hands of thy Priests, to be presented

In Masses for the Dead, the foregoing prayer is said, but the water is not blessed. Then the Priest takes the chalice, and offers it, saying :

<p>Offerimus tibi, Domine, calicem salutaris, tuam deprecantes clementiam, ut in conspectu divinæ Majestatis tuæ, pro nos- tra et totius mundi salute cum odore suavitatis as- cendat. Amen.</p>	<p>We offer unto thee, O Lord, the chalice of sal- vation, beseeching thy clemency, that, in the sight of thy divine Majes- ty, it may ascend with the odor of sweetness, for our salvation, and for that of the whole world. Amen.</p>
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to thy eternal Father, in union with, and in the virtue of, that oblation in which thou thyself, dying on the cross, didst offer thy sacred body and blood for the salvation of the world.

Grant that the oblation of the same thy body and blood, which here is renewed in mystery, and is made under the form of bread and wine, may effectually obtain its proper fruit : and that thereby the living may obtain grace ; the faithful departed, rest ; and those for whom the sacrifice is offered, mercy and life eternal.

Accept also, O Lord, this same sacrifice, which contains in itself the fruit of thy passion and death, as an act of thanksgiving for the innumerable benefits thou hast conferred upon us, and a propitiation and satisfaction for the countless sins we have committed, the good we have omitted to do, and the punishments we have deserved. Who livest and reignest, &c.

Or.

O eternal Father, who wast pleased to institute this most holy sacrifice of the new law, wherein thy only-begotten Son might be offered to thee : I offer the same to thy divine Majesty, and in union therewith I offer my

Then he makes the sign of the Cross with the chalice, places it upon the corporal, and covers it with the pall. Then, with his hands joined upon the Altar and slightly bowing down, he says :

[At High Mass, the Subdeacon here receives the paten, which he envelops in the extremities of the veil with which his shoulders are mantled, and then goes and stands behind the Celebrant until the conclusion of the Pater noster.]

In spiritu humilitatis,	In the spirit of humil-
et in animo contrito, sus-	ity, and with a contrite
cipiamur a te, Domine,	heart, let us be received
et sic fiat sacrificium nos-	by thee, O Lord ; and
trum in conspectu tuo	grant that the sacrifice
hodie, ut placeat tibi,	we offer in thy sight this
Domine Deus.	day may be pleasing to
	thee, O Lord God.

The Priest, elevating his eyes towards heaven, and stretching out his hands, which he afterwards joins, makes the sign of the Cross over the Host and chalice, while he says :

Veni, sanctificator, om-	Come, O sanctifier, al-
nipotens æternæ Deus, et	mighty, eternal God, and
bene- \dagger dic hoc sacrificium,	bless \dagger this sacrifice, pre-
tuo sancto nomini præ-	pared to thy holy name.
paratum.	

[At High Mass, he, in the following prayer, blesses the Incense :*

Per intercessionem be-	May the Lord, by the
ni Michaelis Archangeli,	intercession of blessed
stantis a dextris Altaris	Michael the Archangel.

self, and all that of thy bounty thou hast bestowed upon me. Look upon me, and have mercy upon me. Amen

** At Low Mass, these prayers, down to the Lavabo are to be passed over.*

Incensi, et omnium electorum suorum, incensum istud dignetur Dominus benedicere, et in odorem suavitatis accipere. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

standing at the right hand of the Altar of Incense, and of all his elect, vouchsafe to bless this incense, and receive it as an odor of sweetness. Through, &c. Amen.

Receiving the thurible from the Deacon, he incenses the Bread and Wine, saying :

Incensum istud a te benedictum ascendat ad te, Domine, et descendat super nos misericordia tua.

May this incense which thou hast blest, O Lord ascend to thee, and may thy mercy descend upon us.

Then he incenses the Altar, saying, Ps. cxl.

Dirigatur, Domine, oratio mea sicut incensum in conspectu tuo: elevatio manuum mearum sacrificium vespertinum. Pone, Domine, custodiam ori meo, et ostium circumstantiæ labiis meis, ut non declinet cor meum in verba malitiæ, ad excusandas excusationes in peccatis.

Let my prayer, O Lord, ascend like incense in thy sight: and the lifting up of my hands be as an evening sacrifice. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and a door round about my lips, that my heart may not incline to evil words, to make excuses in sins.

While he gives the censer to the Deacon, he says secretly these words, and is afterwards incensed by the Deacon, and then the others in order :

Accendat in nobis Dominus ignem sui amoris, in us the fire of his love,

et flammam æternæ caritatis. Amen. and the flame of everlasting charity. Amen.]

The Priest, with his hands joined, goes to the Epistle side of the Altar, where he washes his fingers as he recites the following verses of Ps. xxv.

Lavabo inter innocentes manus meas : et circumdabo altare tuum, Domine. I will wash my hands among the innocent : and will encompass thy altar, O Lord.

Ut audiam vocem laudis : et enarrem universa mirabilia tua. That I may hear the voice of praise, and tell of all thy marvellous works.

Domine, dilexi decorem domus tuæ, et locum habitationis gloriæ tuæ. I have loved, O Lord, the beauty of thy house, and the place where thy glory dwelleth.

Ne perdas cum impiis animam meam ; et cum viris sanguinum vitam meam. Take not away my soul, O God, with the wicked, nor my life with bloody men.

In quorum manibus iniquitates sunt : dextera eorum repleta est muneribus. In whose hands are iniquities : their right hand is filled with gifts.

Ego autem in innocentia mea ingressus sum : As for me, I have walked in my innocence :

At the Lavabo.

O Lord, who didst once vouchsafe to wash thy disciples' feet before inviting them to thy holy table, wash us also, we beseech thee ; and wash us again and again, not only our feet and hands, but our hearts, our desires, our souls, that we may be wholly innocent as pure.

redime me, et miserere
mei.

Pes meus stetit in di-
recto: in ecclesiis benedi-
cam te, Domine.

Gloria Patri, &c.

redeem me, and have
mercy upon me.

My foot hath stood in
the right path: in the
churches I will bless
thee, O Lord.

Glory be to the Fa-
ther, &c.

in Masses for the Dead, and in Passion-time, the Gloria is omitted.

*Returning, and bowing before the middle of the Altar, with
joined hands, he says:*

Suscipe, sancta Trini-
tas, hanc oblationem quam
tibi offerimus ob memori-
am Passionis, Resurrec-
tionis, et Ascensionis Jesu
Christi Domini nostri: et
in honorem beatæ Mariæ
semper Virginis, et beati
Joannis Baptistæ, et sanc-
torum Apostolorum Petri
et Pauli, et istorum et
omnium Sanctorum: ut
illis proficiat ad honorem,
nobis autem ad salutem:
et illi pro nobis interce-
dere dignentur in cœlis,
quorum memoriam agi-
mus in terris. Per eun-
dem Christum Dominum
nostrum. Amen.

Receive, O holy Trini-
ty, this oblation, which we
make to thee, in memory
of the Passion, Resurrec-
tion, and Ascension of our
Lord Jesus Christ, and in
honor of the blessed Ma-
ry ever Virgin, of blessed
John Baptist, the holy
Apostles Peter and Paul,
of these and of all the
Saints: that it may be
available to their honor
and our salvation: and
may they vouchsafe to
intercede for us in heaven,
whose memory we cele-
brate on earth. Through
the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Then he passes the Altar, and having turned himself towards the people, extending and joining his hands, he raises his voice a little, and says :

Orate, fratres, ut meum
ac vestrum sacrificium ac-
ceptabile fiat apud Deum
Patrem omnipotentem.

Brethren, pray that my
sacrifice and yours may
be acceptable to God the
Father almighty.

R. Suscipiat Dominus
sacrificium de manibus
tuis, ad laudem et gloriam
nominis sui, ad utilitatem
quoque nostram, totius-
que Ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ.

R. May the Lord re-
ceive the sacrifice from
thy hands, to the praise
and glory of his name, to
our benefit, and to that
of all his holy Church.

The Priest answers in a low voice, Amen.

Then, with stretched-out hands, he recites the Secret Prayers.

At the Secrets.

Mercifully hear our prayers, O Lord, and graciously accept this oblation which we thy servants make to thee; and as we offer it to the honor of thy name, so may it be to us a means of obtaining thy grace here, and life everlasting hereafter. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

For a Saint's Day.

Sanctify, O Lord, we beseech thee, these gifts which we offer thee in this solemnity of thy holy servant N., and so strengthen us by thy grace, that both in prosperity and adversity our ways may be ever directed to thy honor. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

When being finished, he says in an audible voice :

V. Per omnia sæcula
æculorum.

V. World without end.

R. Amen.

R. Amen

V. Dominus vobiscum. V. The Lord be with you.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo. R. And with thy spirit.

Here he uplifts his hands.

V. Sursum corda. V. Lift up your hearts.

R. Habemus ad Dominum. R. We have them lifted up unto the Lord.

He joins his hands before his breast and bows his head & while he says:

V. Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro. V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. Dignum et justum est. R. It is meet and just.

He then disjoins his hands, and keeps them in this posture until the end of the Preface, after which he again joins them, and bowing, says, Sanctus, &c.† When he says Benedictus, &c., he crosses himself.

At the word *Sanctus, &c.*, the bell is rung three times by the Acolyte.

The following Preface is said on all Ferias, and on those Festivals which have none proper, and in all Masses for the Dead.

N. B.—This mark * refers to the variation of the proper prefaces for certain days, as given below.

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare,	It is truly meet and just, right and salutary
nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere, Domine	that we should always, and in all places, give
sancte, Pater omnipotens, æternæ Deus.	thanks to thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty,
*Per Christum Dominum nos-	eternal God. *Through

† At High Mass, the Choir sing the *Sanctus* (while the Priest is proceeding with the Canon, p. 307) as far as "Hosanna in excelsis" before the elevation, and after the elevation, "Benedictus qui venit" &c.

trum : per quem Majestatem tuam laudant angeli, adorant dominationes, tremunt potestates, cœli cœlorumque virtutes, ac beata seraphim, sociâ exultatione concelebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces, ut admitti jubeas deprecamur, supplici confessione dicentes :

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt cœli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Christ our Lord : through whom the angels praise thy Majesty, the denominations adore, the powers do hold in awe, the heavens, and the virtues of the heavens, and the blessed seraphim, do celebrate with united joy. In union with whom, we beseech thee that thou wouldest command our voices also to be admitted, with suppliant confession, saying,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

On Trinity-Sunday, and on every other Sunday in the year that has no proper preface.

Vere . . . * Qui cum unigenito Filio tuo et Spiritu Sancto unus es Deus, unus es Dominus : non in unius singularitate Personæ, sed in unius Trinitate substantiæ Quod

*Who, together with thy only-begotten Son, and the Holy Ghost, art one God, and one Lord : not in singularity of one Person, but in a Trinity of one substance. For that

enim de tua gloria, revelante te, credimus, hoc de Filio tuo, hoc de Spiritu Sancto, sine differentia discretionis sentimus. Ut in confessione veræ sempiternæque Deitatis, et in Personis proprietates, et in essentia unitas, et in Majestate adoretur æqualitas. Quem laudant angeli atque archangeli, cherubim quoque ac seraphim, qui non cessant clamare quotidie, una voce dicentes, Sanctus, &c.

which, by thy revelation, we believe of thy glory, the same we believe of thy Son, and the same of the Holy Ghost, without any difference or distinction. That, in the confession of a true and eternal Deity, distinctness in the Persons, unity in the essence, and equality in the Majesty may be adored. Whom the angels and archangels, the cherubim also and seraphim do praise, who cease not daily to cry out with one voice, saying. Holy, &c.

From Christmas-day till the Epiphany (except in the octave of St. John), on the Purification, Corpus Christi and its octave, the Transfiguration, the holy Name of Jesus, and in Masses of the blessed Sacrament.

N. B.—Prefaces thus marked † are concluded in the same manner as this.

Vere . . . * Quia per incarnati Verbi mysterium, nova mentis nostræ oculis lux tuæ claritatis infulsit: ut dum visibilter Deum cognoscimus, per hunc in invisibilium amorem rapiamur. † Et ideo cum angelis et archangelis, cum thronis et

* Because by the mystery of the Word made flesh, the new light of thy brightness hath shone upon the eyes of our minds: that while we behold God visibly, we may by him be carried on to the love of things invisible. † And therefore with angels and

dominationibus, cumque archangels, with thrones
 omni militia cœlestis ex- and dominations, and with
 ercitus, hymnum gloriæ all the army of heaven,
 tuæ canimus, sine fine we sing a hymn to thy
 dicentes, Sanctus, &c. glory, saying without
 ceasing, Holy, &c.

On the Epiphany, and during its octave.

* Quia cum unigenitus * Because when thy
 tuus in substantia nostræ only-begotten Son ap-
 mortalitatis apparuit, no- peared in the substance
 va nos immortalitatis suæ of our mortal flesh, he
 luce reparavit. † Et ideo, repaired us by the new
 &c. light of his immortality.
 † And therefore, &c.

From Ash-Wednesday to Passion-Sunday, except in Feasts which have a proper preface.

* Qui corporali jejunio * Who by bodily fast-
 vitia comprimis, mentem ing dost repress vices,
 elevas, virtutem largiris elevate the mind, bestow
 et præmia. Per Chris- virtue and rewards.
 tum, &c. Through, &c.

From Passion-Sunday till Maunday-Thursaday, and Feasts of the Holy Cross and of the Passion.

* Qui salutem humani * Who didst effect the
 generis in ligno Crucis salvation of mankind in
 constituisti : ut unde mors the wood of the Cross.
 oriebatur, inde vita resur- that from whence death
 geret : et qui in ligno vin- came, thence light might
 cebat, in ligno quoque arise; and that he who
 vinceretur. Per Chris- overcame by the tree,
 tum, &c. might also by the tree be
 overcome. Through, &c.

From Holy Saturday till Ascension-day, and on Festivals occurring in this time, unless they have proper prefaces of their own. In the Mass of Holy Saturday is said, chiefly on this night; on Easter-day, and till the Saturday following, chiefly on this day; after that, chiefly at this time.

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, te quidem, Domine, omni tempore, sed [in hac potissimum nocte vel die, vel] in hoc potissimum gloriosius prædicare, cum Pascha nostrum immolatus est Christus. Ipse enim verus est Agnus, qui abstulit peccata mundi. Qui mortem nostram moriendo destruxit, et vitam resurgendo reparavit. † Et ideo, &c.

It is truly meet, just, right, and salutary to praise thee, O Lord, at all times, but chiefly [on this night or day, or] at this time, when Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us. For he is the true Lamb, who took away the sins of the world. Who by dying destroyed our death, and by rising again restored our life. † And therefore, &c.

From Ascension-day till Whitsun-eve, except on Feasts which have their proper preface.

* Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Qui post resurrectionem suam omnibus discipulis suis manifestus apparuit, et ipsis cernentibus est elevatus in cælum, ut nos divinitatis suæ tribueret esse participes. † Et ideo, &c.

* Through Christ our Lord. Who after his resurrection appeared openly to all his disciples, and in their sight ascended up into heaven, to make us partakers of his divinity. † And therefore, &c.

From Whitsun-eve till Trinity-Sunday; and in Votive Masses of the Holy Ghost, omitting the words this day.

<p>* Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Qui ascendens super omnes cœlos, sedensque ad dexteram tuam, promissum Spiritum Sanctum [hodierna die] in filios adoptionis effudit. Quapropter profusis gaudiis totus in orbe terrarum mundus exultat: sed et supernæ virtutes atque angelicæ potestates hymnum gloriæ tuæ concinunt, sine fine dicentes, Sanctus, &c.</p>	<p>* Through Christ our Lord. Who, ascending above all the heavens, and sitting at thy right hand, sent down the promised Holy Spirit [this day] upon the children of adoption. Wherefore all the whole world exults with overflowing joy; also the heavenly virtues, and the angelic powers, together hymn thy glory, saying everlastingly, Holy, &c.</p>
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On Festivals of the B. V. Mary (except the Purification, on which is said the Preface of Christmas), and within their octaves, and on Votive Masses of the B. Virgin. The words, Annunciation, Visitation, Assumption, Nativity, Presentation, Conception, Espousal, are inserted after, and glorify thee on the. On the Dedication of the B. V. M. ad Nives, as also on the Feast of her holy Name; and on the Feast of the B. V. M. of Mercy, are inserted, the festival. On the Feast of the Seven Dolors is inserted, transfixion. On the Feast of Mount Carmel, commemoration; and on that of the most holy Rosary, solemnity. In Votive Masses and on Saturday, veneration.

<p>* Et te in N. beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis collaudare, benedicere, et prædicare. Quæ et Unigenitum tuum Sancti Spiritus obumbratione</p>	<p>* That we should praise, bless, and proclaim thee in the N. of the blessed Mary, ever Virgin. Who by the overshadowing of the</p>
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concepit, et virginitatis
gloria permanente, lumen
æternum mundo effudit,
Jesum Christum Domi-
num nostrum; * per
quem, &c.

Holy Ghost conceived
thy Only-begotten, and
the glory of her virginity
remaining, shed forth
upon the world the light
eternal, Jesus Christ our
Lord; * by whom, &c.

In the Festivals of the Apostles and Evangelists (except on St. John the Evangelist's day), and throughout their octaves, except in Feasts which have proper prefaces of their own.

Vere dignum et justum
est, æquum et salutare,
te, Domine, suppliciter
exorare, ut gregem tuum,
Pastor æternæ, non dese-
ras, sed per beatos Apos-
tolos tuos continua pro-
tectione custodias. Ut
iisdem rectoribus guber-
netur, quos operis tui vi-
carios eidem contulisti
præesse pastores. † Et
ideo, &c.

It is truly meet, just,
right, and salutary, hum-
bly to beseech thee, that
thou, O Lord, our eter-
nal Shepherd, wouldst
not forsake thy flock, but
keep it through thy bless-
ed Apostles with contin-
ual protection; that it
may be governed by
those same rulers whom
thou didst appoint to
preside over it as pastors
in thy stead. † And
therefore, &c.

Canon of the Mass.

Te igitur, clementis-
sime Pater, per Jesum
Christum Filium tuum
Dominum nostrum, sup-

We therefore humbly
pray and beseech thee,
most merciful Father,
through Jesus Christ th-

plices rogamus ac petimus uti accepta habeas et benedicas hæc ✠ dona, hæc ✠ munera, hæc ✠ sancta sacrificia illibata, in primis, quæ tibi offerimus pro Ecclesia tua sancta Catholica: quam pacificare, custodire, adunare, et regere digneris toto orbe terrarum, una cum famulo tuo Papa nostro N., et Antistite nostro N., et omnibus orthodoxis, atque Catholicæ et Apostolicæ Fidei cultoribus.

Son, our Lord [*he kisses the Altar*], that thou wouldst vouchsafe to accept and bless these ✠ gifts, these ✠ presents, these ✠ holy unspotted sacrifices, which, in the first place, we offer thee for thy holy Catholic Church, to which vouchsafe to grant peace; as also to protect, unite, and govern it throughout the world, together with thy servant N. our Pope, N. our Bishop, as also all orthodox believers and professors of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LIVING.

Memento, Domine, famulorum famularumque tuarum, N. et N.

Be mindful, O Lord, of thy servants, men and women, N. and N.

At the beginning of the Canon (if another prayer is needed),

O eternal and most merciful Father; behold, we come to offer thee our homage this day: we desire to adore, praise, and glorify thee, and to give thee thanks for thy great glory, joining our hearts and voices with all thy blessed in heaven, and with thy whole church upon earth. But acknowledging our great unworthiness and innumerable sins, for which we are heartily sorry, and humbly beg thy pardon, we dare not venture to approach

He joins his hands, and prays silently for those he intends to pray for ; then, extending his hands, he proceeds :

<p>Et omnium circumstan- tium, quorum tibi fides cognita est, et nota devo- tio, pro quibus tibi offeri- mus, vel qui tibi offerunt, hoc sacrificium laudis, pro se, suisque omnibus : pro redemptione animarum suarum, pro spe salutis,</p>	<p>And of all here pres- ent, whose faith and de- votion are known unto thee, for whom we offer, or who offer up to thee this sacrifice of praise for themselves, their families and friends, for the re- demption of their souls,</p>
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thee otherwise than in company of thy Son, our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ, whom thou hast given us to be both our High Priest and Sacrifice. With him, therefore, and through him, we venture to offer thee this sacrifice : to his most sacred intentions we desire to unite ours : and with this offering which he makes of himself, we desire to make an offering of our whole being to thee. With him, and through him, we beseech thee to exalt thy holy Catholic Church throughout the whole world ; to maintain her in peace, unity, holiness, and truth ; to have mercy on thy servant N. our chief bishop, N. our prelate, and on all that truly fear thee ; on our pastor [parents, children], friends and benefactors, &c. ; on all those whom we have in any way scandalized, injured, or offended, or for whom we are in any way bound to pray ; on all that are in their agony, or under violent temptations, or other necessities, corporal or spiritual ; on all our enemies ; and, in a word, on all poor sinners ; that we may be all converted to thee, and find mercy, through Jesus Christ thy Son ; through whom we hope one day to be admitted into the company of all thy saints and elect, whose memory we here celebrate, whose prayers we desire, and with whom we communicate in these holy mysteries.

et incolumitatis suæ: tibi
bique reddunt vota sua,
æterno Deo, vivo et vero.

Communicantes, et memoriam venerantes, imprimis gloriosæ semper Virginis Mariæ, Genitricis Dei et Domini nostri Jesu Christi: sed et beatorum Apostolorum ac Martyrum tuorum, Petri et Pauli, Andreæ, Jacobi, Joannis, Thomæ, Jacobi, Philippi, Bartholomæi, Matthæi, Simonis et Thaddæi, Lini, Cleti, Clementis, Xysti, Cornelii, Cypriani, Laurentii, Chrysogoni, Joannis et Pauli, Cosmæ et Damiani, et omnium Sanctorum tuorum; quorum meritis precibusque concedas, ut in omnibus protectionis tuæ muniamur auxilio. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

for the hope of their safety and salvation, and who pay their vows to thee, the eternal, living, and true God.

Communicating with, and honoring in the first place the memory of the glorious and ever Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and God Jesus Christ; as also of the blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus, Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all thy Saints; by whose merits and prayers grant that we may be always defended by the help of thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Spreading his hands over the oblation, he says the words of consecration secretly, distinctly, and attentively.

(Here the bell is rung.)

Hanc igitur oblationem
servitutis nostræ, sed et
cunctæ familiæ tuæ, quæ-
sumus, Domine, ut placas
accipias; diesque nos-
tros in tua pace disponas,
etque ab æterna damna-
tione nos eripi, et in elec-
torum tuorum. jubeas
grege numerari. Per
Christum Dominum nos-
trum. Amen.

Quam oblationem, tu
Deus, in omnibus, quæsu-
mus benedic-tam, ad-
scrip-tam, ra-tam, ra-
tionabilem, acceptabi-
lemque facere digneris;
ut nobis cor + pus et
san-guis fiat dilectissi-
mi Filii tui Domini nostri
Jesu Christi.

Qui pridie quam pa-
teretur, accepit panem in
sanctas ac venerabiles
manus suas, et elevatis
oculis in cœlum, ad te
Patrem suum om-
nipotentem: tibi gratias
agens, benedixit, fregit,
deditque discipulis suis,
dicens: Accipite, et man-
ducate ex hoc omnes;

We therefore beseech
thee, O Lord, graciously
to accept this oblation of
our service, as also of thy
whole family; dispose
our days in thy peace,
command us to be deliv-
ered from eternal damna-
tion, and to be numbered
in the flock of thy elect.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Which oblation do
thou, O God, vouchsafe
in all things to make
blessed, approved, rati-
fied, reasonable, and ac-
ceptable, that it may be-
come to us the body +
and + blood of thy most
beloved Son Jesus Christ
our Lord Who the day
before he suffered, took
bread [*he takes the Host*]
into his holy and venera-
ble hands [*he raises his*
eyes to heaven], and with
his eyes lifted up towards
heaven, to God, his al-
mighty Father: giving
thanks to thee, did bless,
break, and give to his dis-
ciples, saying: Take, and

HOC EST ENIM CORPUS eat ye all of this ; ~~FOR~~
MEUM. THIS IS MY BODY.

After pronouncing the words of consecration, the Priest kneeling, adores the sacred Host; rising, he elevates it; and then placing it on the corporal, again adores it. After this he never disjoins his fingers and thumbs, except when he is to take the Host, until after the washing of his fingers.

(At the elevation the bell is rung three times.)

Simili modo postquam In like manner, after
cœnatum est, accipiens et he had supped [*he takes*
hunc præclarum calicem *the chalice in both his*
in sanctas ac venerabiles *hands*], taking also this
manus suas, item tibi gra- excellent chalice into his
tias agens bene†dixit, holy and venerable hands,

At the elevation of the Host.

Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi, quia per
sanctam Crucem tuam redemisti mundum.

Ave, verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere
passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine, cujus latus
perforatum fluxit unda et sanguine; esto nobis prægu-
tatum in mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, Fili
Mariæ, miserere mei. Amen.

We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee, because
by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, which didst
truly suffer and wast immolated on the cross for man,
whose side was pierced, and flowed with water and with
blood; may we have a foretaste of thee in the last
agony of death. O kind, O loving One, Jesus, Son of
Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

deditque discipulis suis, and giving thee thanks,
 dicens: Accipite et bi- he bless-ed, and gave to
 ate ex eo omnes; HIC h's disciples, saying:
 EST ENIM CALIX SANGUI- Take, and drink ye all of
 NIS MEI NOVI ET ÆTERNI this; FOR THIS IS THE
 TESTAMENTI; MYSTERIUM CHALICE OF MY BLOOD OF
 VIDEI; QUI PRO VOBIS ET THE NEW AND ETERNAL
 PRO MULTIS EFFUNDETUR TESTAMENT; THE MYSTERY
 IN REMISSIONEM PECCA- OF FAITH; WHICH SHALL
 TORUM. BE SHED FOR YOU, AND
 FOR MANY, TO THE REMIS-
 SION OF SINS.

Hæc quotiescunque fe- As often as ye do these
 ceritis, in mei memoriam things, ye shall do them
 facietis. in remembrance of me.

*Kneeling, he adores; rising, he elevates the chalice; then
 replacing it on the corporal, he covers it, and again adores.*

(The bell is rung as before.)

He then proceeds:

Unde et memores, Do- Wherefore, O Lord, we

At the elevation of the Chalice.

Salvator mundæ, salva nos; quia per Crucem et San-
 guinem tuum redemisti nos; auxiliare nobis te deprecamur,
 Deus noster. Amen.

Have our of the world, save us; for by thy cross and
 by thy blood thou hast redeemed us; help us, we beseech
 thee, O our God. Amen.

Have mercy on me, dear Jesus, and grant that thy
 blood may not be shed in vain for me, I most humbly
 beseech thee. Amen.

nine, nos servi tui, sed et	thy servants, as also thy
plebs tua sancta, ejus-	holy people, calling to
dem Christi Filii tui Do-	mind the blessed passion
mini nostri tam beatæ	of the same Christ thy
passionis, necnon et ab	Son our Lord, his resur-
inferis resurrectionis, sed	rection from hell, and
et in cœlo gloriosæ as-	glorious ascension into
censionis: offerimus præ-	heaven, offer unto thy
claræ Majestati tuæ, de	most excellent Majesty,
tuis donis ac datis, Hos-	of thy gifts and grants,
tiam ✠ puram, Hostiam	a pure ✠ Host, a holy ✠
✠ sanctam, Hostiam ✠	Host, an immaculate ✠
immaculatam, panem ✠	Host, the holy ✠ bread of
sanctum vitæ æternæ, et	eternal life, and the chal-
calicem ✠ salutis perpe-	ice ✠ of everlasting sal-
tuationis.	vation.

Hail, most precious and sacred blood, which, flowing out of the side of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, washest away the spots of our offences; cleanse, sanctify, and preserve my soul, I beseech thee, to everlasting life. Amen.

After the elevation.

We thank thee, O Lord God, merciful Father, for having been pleased to send thy only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death for us sinners, even the most shameful death of the cross, that he might offer himself to thee a most pure, holy, and acceptable sacrifice for our sins, and thereby purge our wicked consciences from all spots of uncleanness. By this thy exceeding great love to us, and by these most bitter torments of thy Son our Saviour, we humbly beseech thee continually to impart to us the fruits of our redemption, that we may daily die to the world, and be crucified to the lusts and desires of the flesh, and live

Extending his hands, he proceeds :

Supra quæ propitio ac
sereno vultu respicere
digneris, et accepta ha-
bere, sicuti accepta habere
lignatus es munera pueri
iusti Abel, et sacrifici-
um Patriarchæ nostræ
Abrahæ ; et quod tibi
obtulit summus sacerdos
tuus Melchisedech, sanc-
tum sacrificium, immacu-
latam hostiam.

Upon which vouchsafe
to look, with a propitious
and serene countenance,
and to accept them, as
thou wert gracious &
pleased to accept the
gifts of thy just servant
Abel, and the sacrifice of
our Patriarch Abraham,
and that which thy high-
priest Melchisedech of-
fered to thee, a holy sac-
rifice, an immaculate host.

*Bowing down profoundly, with his hands joined and placed
upon the Altar, he says :*

Supplices te rogamus,
omnipotens Deus, jube
hæc perferri per manus
sancti angeli tui in sub-
lime altare tuum, in con-

We most humbly be-
seech thee, almighty God,
command these things to
be carried by the hands of
thy holy angel to thy altar

to thee alone during our whole life, that in the end
we may rejoice everlastingly in thy kingdom ; where,
with thy eternal Son, and the Holy Ghost, thou livest
& reignest one God, forever and ever Amen.

O most gracious God, Father of all mercies ; grant,
& beseech thee, that this adorable sacrifice of the blessed
body and blood of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, which
here and everywhere throughout thy holy Church is
offered as a continual thanksgiving for, and a daily re-
membrance of, his blessed death, may obtain for us at
thy hands, mercy and the remission of all our sins.
Amen.

spectu divinæ Majestatis tuæ, ut quotquot ex hac altaris participatione, sacrosanctum Filii tui corpus ✠ et ✠ sanguinem sumpserimus, omni benedictione cœlesti et gratia repleamur. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

on high, in the sight of thy divine Majesty, that as many of us [*he kisses the Altar*] as, by participation at this Altar, shall receive the most sacred body ✠ and ✠ blood of thy Son, may be filled with all heavenly benediction and grace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Memento etiam, Do-

Be mindful, O Lord, of

Short Meditations, or Aspirations.

Oh, the depth of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how incomprehensible are his judgments, and how unsearchable his ways!

O sacrament of piety! O sign of unity! O bond of charity! He that will live hath here whereon to live, hath here wherein to live. Let him come and believe, and be incorporated, that he may be enlivened.

O miracle! O the goodness of God! who, sitting above with the Father, is in the same moment of time in the hand also of the priest, and delivered to such as are willing to receive and embrace him.

O dread Majesty, how should I tremble to offend thee! O infinite Mercy, to thee I come for pardon of my sins; to thee I have recourse in all my necessities; thee I adore with all the faculties of my soul and body. Hail, holy sacrifice, offered for me and all mankind! Hail, most precious blood, shed for me and all mankind!

O how pleasant, Lord, is thy spirit! who, to show thy sweetness towards thy children, givest them the most delicious bread from heaven, and sendest the proud away empty.

mine, famulorum famu- thy servants and hand-
 larumque tuarum N. et maids N. and N., who are
 N., qui nos præcesserunt gone before us, with the
 cum signo fidei, et dor- sign of faith, and slumber
 miunt in somno pacis. in the sleep of peace.

He prays for such of the Dead as he intends to pray for

Ipsis, Domine, et om- To these, O Lord, and
 nibus in Christo quies- to all that rest in Christ,
 centibus, locum refrigerii, grant, we beseech thee,
 lucis et pacis, ut indul- a place of refreshment.
 geas, deprecamur. Per light, and peace. Through
 eundem Christum, &c. the same Christ our Lord.
 Amen. Amen.

Here, striking his breast, and slightly raising his voice, he says:

Nobis quoque peccato- And to us sinners, thy
 ribus famulis tuis, de servants, hoping in the
 multitudine miserationum multitude of thy mercies,

A Prayer for the Departed.

We humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, for the
 souls of the faithful who are departed this life, that
 this holy sacrifice may be to them eternal salvation, per-
 petual rest, and everlasting felicity. O my Lord Jesus,
 let this wonderful and excellent mystery of piety and
 bounty be to them, this day, full of perfect joy; grant
 that they may be filled with thee, the living and true
 bread who descendedst from heaven, and gavest life to
 the world; with thee, the immaculate Lamb, who takest
 away the sins of the world: make them drink of the
 fountain that springs to eternal life: that so, being re-
 freshed and comforted, they may rejoice in thy holy
 praise and glory, world without end. Amen.

tuarum sperantibus partem aliquam et societatem
 tionare digneris, cum tuis
 sanctis apostolis et mar-
 tyribus; cum Joanne, Ste-
 phano, Matthia, Barnaba,
 Ignatio, Alexandro, Mar-
 cellino, Petro, Felicitate,
 Perpetua, Agatha, Lucia,
 Agnete, Cæcilia, Anasta-
 sia, et omnibus sanctis
 tuis: intra quorum nos
 consortium, non æstima-
 tor meriti, sed veniæ,
 quæsumus, largitor ad-
 mitte. Per Christum Do-
 minum nostrum.

Per quem hæc omnia,
 Domine, semper bona cre-
 as, sancti-~~fi~~cas, vivi-~~fi~~-
 cas, bene-~~di~~cis, et præ-
 stas nobis.

vouchsafe to grant some
 part and fellowship with
 thy holy apostles and
 martyrs; with John, Ste-
 phen, Matthias, Barna-
 bas, Ignatius, Alexander,
 Marcellinus, Peter, Feli-
 citas, Perpetua, Agatha,
 Lucy, Agnes, Cecily, An-
 astasia, and with all thy
 Saints: into whose com-
 pany we beseech thee to
 admit us, not consider-
 ing our merit, but freely
 pardoning our offences.
 Through Christ our Lord.

By whom, O Lord, thou
 dost always create, sanc-
 tify, ✠ quicken, ✠ bless,
 ✠ and give us all these
 good things.

*He uncovers the chalice, and makes a genuflexion; then tak-
 ing the Host in his right hand, and holding the chalice in
 his left, he signs the sign of the Cross three times across the
 chalice saying:*

Per ip-~~s~~um, et cum
 ip-~~s~~o, est in ip-~~s~~o, est
 tibi Deo Patri ✠ omni-
 potenti, in unitate Spiritus
 Sancti, omnis honor et
 gloria.

Through him, ✠ and
 with him, ✠ and in him.
 ✠ is to thee, God the
 Father almighty, in the
 unity of the Holy Ghost,
 all honor and glory.

Covering the chalice, he kneels down and rising again, he says :

V. Per omnia sæcula
seculorum.

V. Forever and ever

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Præceptis salutaribus
moniti, et divina institu-
tione formati, audemus
dicere :

Pater noster, qui es in
cœlis, sanctificetur nomen
tuum : adveniat regnum
tuum ; fiat voluntas tua
sicut in cœlo, et in terra.
Panem nostrum quotidi-
anum da nobis hodie : et
dimitte nobis debita nos-
tra, sicut et nos dimittimus
debitoribus nostris.
Et ne nos inducas in
tentationem.

M. Sed libera nos a
malo.

S Amen.

Instructed by thy sav-
ing precepts, and follow-
ing thy divine institution,
we presume to say :

Our Father, who art
in heaven, hallowed be
thy name : thy kingdom
come ; thy will be done
on earth as it is in heav-
en. Give us this day our
daily bread : and forgive
us our trespasses, as we
forgive them that trespass
against us. And lead us
not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from
evil.

P. Amen.

[At High Mass, the Deacon, towards the conclusion of the Pater Noster, goes to the right hand of the Priest, where he awaits the approach of the Subdeacon, from whom he receives the paten, which he puts into the hands of the Priest.]

He takes the paten between his first and second finger, and says :

Libera nos, quæsumus,

Deliver us, we beseech

Domine, ab omniaibus malis, præteritis, præsentibus, et futuris : et intercedente beata et gloriosa semper Virgine Dei Genitrice Maria, cum beatis Apostolis tuis Petro et Paulo, atque Andrea, et omnibus Sanctis, da propitius pacem in diebus nostris : ut ope misericordiæ tuæ adjuti, et a peccato simus semper liberi, et ab omni perturbatione securi.

thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come : and by the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary ever Virgin, Mother of God together with thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and Andrew, and all the Saints [*making the sign of the Cross on himself with the paten, he kisses it, and says*], mercifully grant peace in our days : that by the assistance of thy mercy we may be always free from sin, and secure from all disturbance.

He slides the paten under the Host, uncovers the chalice, and makes a genuflection ; then, rising, he takes the Host, breaks it in the middle over the chalice, saying :

Per eundem Dominum Th'ough the same Jesus Christum sus Christ thy Son our Filium tuum. Lord.

He puts the part which is in his right hand upon the paten, breaks a particle from the other part in his left hand, saying :

Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus. Who with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth God.

He places the half in his left hand on the paten, and holding the particle which he broke off in his right hand, and the chalice in his left, he says :

V. Per omnia sæcula V. World without end.
 æculorum.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

He then says :

V. Pax ✠ Domini sit V May the peace ✠
 ✠ semper vobis ✠ cum of the Lord be ✠ always
 with ✠ you.

R. Et cum spirita tuo. R And with thy spiri^t

He puts a particle of the Host into the chalice, saying .

Hæc commixtio et con- May this mixture and
 secratio corporis et san- consecration of the body
 guinis Domini nostri Jesu and blood of our Lord
 Christi fiat accipientibus Jesus Christ be to us that
 nobis in vitam æternam. receive it effectual to
 Amen. eternal life. Amen.

He covers the chalice, makes a genuflection, and then bowing down and striking his breast three times, he says :¹

Agnus Dei, qui tollis Lamb of God, who
 peccata mundi, miserere takest away the sins of
 nobis. the world, have mercy
 upon us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis Lamb of God, who
 peccata mundi, miserere takest away the sins of
 nobis the world, have mercy
 upon us

Agnus Dei, qui tollis Lamb of God, who
 peccata mundi, dona no- takest away the sins of
 bis pacem. the world, grant us thy
 peace.

¹ The Choir sing the *Agnus Dei*, which generally continues during the Priest's communion and the ablutions.

In Masses for the Dead, he says twice, Give them rest ; and lastly, Give them eternal rest. Standing in an inclined position, with his hands joined and resting on the Altar and his eyes reverently fixed upon the sacred Host, he says :

Domine Jesu Christe,	Lord Jesus Christ, who
qui dixisti Apostolis tuis,	saidst to thy Apostles,
Pacem relinquo vobis, pa-	Peace I leave with you
cem meam do vobis ; ne	my peace I give unto
respicias peccata mea, sed	you ; regard not my sins.
fidem Ecclesiæ tuæ ; eam-	but the faith of thy
que secundum volunta-	Church ; and vouchsafe
tem tuam pacificare et	to it that peace and unity
coadunare digneris : qui	which is agreeable to thy
vivis et regnas Deus, per	will : who livest and
omnia sæcula sæculorum.	reignest God forever and
Amen.	ever. Amen.

The preceding prayer is omitted in Masses for the Dead

[At High Mass, the Deacon kisses the Altar at the same time with the celebrating Priest, by whom he is saluted with the kiss of peace with these words :

V. Pax tecum.

V. Peace be with thee.

To which the Deacon answers :

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

R. And with thy spirit.

And then salutes in like manner the Subdeacon, who conveys the kiss of peace to those amongst the Clergy who may be assisting at Mass.]

Domine Jesu Christe,	Lord Jesus Christ,
Fili Dei vivi, qui ex vo-	Son of the living God,
luntate Patris, co-ope-	who, according to the
rante Spiritu Sancto, per	will of the Father,
mortem tuam mundum	through the co-operation
vivificasti ; libera me per	of the Holy Ghost, hast
hoc sacro sanctum corpus	by thy death given life

et sanguinem tuum ab
omnibus iniquitatibus
meis, et universis malis :
et fac me tuis semper in-
herere mandatis, et a te
nunquam separari per-
mittas : qui cum eodem
Deo Patre et Spiritu
Sancto vivis et regnas
Deus in sæcula sæculo-
rum. Amen.

to the world ; deliver me
by this thy most sacred
body and blood from all
my iniquities and from
all evils ; and make me
always adhere to th-
commandments, and nev-
er suffer me to be sepa-
rated from thee ; who
with the same God the
Father and Holy Ghost
livest and reignest God
forever and ever. Amen.

Perceptio corporis tui,
Domine Jesu Christe,
quod ego indignus sume-
re præsumo, non mihi
proveniat in iudicium et
condemnationem ; sed
pro tua pietate prosit mi-
hi ad tutamentum men-
tis et corporis, et ad me-
delam percipiendam. Qui
vivis et regnas cum Deo
Patre, in unitate Spiritus
Sancti, Deus per om-
nia sæcula sæculorum.
Amen.

Let not the participa-
tion of thy body, O Lord
Jesus Christ, which I,
all unworthy, presume to
receive, turn to my judg-
ment and condemnation ;
but through thy good-
ness, may it be to me a
safeguard and remedy,
both of soul and body.
Who with God the Fa-
ther, in the unity of the
Holy Ghost, livest and
reignest God forever and
ever. Amen.

*Making a genuflection, and taking the Host in his hands,
the Priest says :*

Panem cœlestem acci-
piam, et nomen Domini
invocabo.

I will take the bread
of heaven, and call upon
the name of the Lord.

Striking his breast in humility and devotion, he says thrice the Acolyth ringing the bell each time :

Domine, non sum dignus ut intres sub tectum meum; sed tantum dic verbo, et sanabitur anima mea.	Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof; say but the word, and my soul shall be healed.
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Taking reverently both parts of the sacred Host in his right hand, and making the sign of the Cross with it upon himself, he says the following prayer :

Corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam meam in vitam æternam. Amen.	May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to life everlasting. Amen.
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He then receives both halves of the Host, joins his hands, and remains a short time in meditation on the most holy Sacrament. Then he uncovers the chalice, gathers upon the paten the smallest atoms of the Host which may remain on the corporal, puts them into the chalice, saying :

Quid retribuam Domino pro omnibus quæ retribuit mihi? Calicem salutaris accipiam, et nomen Domini invocabo.	What shall I render to the Lord for all he hath rendered unto me? I will take the chalice of salvation, and call upon the
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A Prayer when the Priest receives.

O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of his passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

Grant, O Lord Jesus, that we may so reverence the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever find in ourselves the fruits of thy redemption. Amen.

laudans invocabo Domi-	name of the Lord
num, et ab inimicis meis	Praising I will call upon
salvus ero.	the Lord, and I shall be
	saved from my enemies.

He takes the chalice in his right hand, and making the sign of the Cross with it on himself, he says.

Sanguis Domini nostri	The blood of our Lord
Jesu Christi custodiat	Jesus Christ preserve my
animam meam in vitam	soul to everlasting life.
eternam. Amen.	Amen.

Then he receives all the Blood, together with the particles in it.

After which he communicates all who are to communicate (if there be any).

Prayer for those who are not to Communicate.

O my good God, and sweet Saviour Jesus, who art present here for my sake, and givest thyself to me for daily food, and for the supply of all my necessities, since without thee, who art the true food of my soul, I cannot live; I humbly beseech thee to refresh me spiritually, and make me partaker of that grace which they experience who devoutly receive thee. O good Jesus, despise me not, but vouchsafe to visit thy servant, and by thy grace to work and perfect all the effects and virtues of thy holy sacrament in me, to thy honor, O my God, and the eternal salvation of my soul. Amen.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water out of the side of Christ, wash me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me, hide me within thy wounds; suffer me not to be separated from thee; defend me from the malignant enemy; at the hour of my death call me, and bid me come unto thee, that with thy Saints I may praise thee for all eternity. Amen.

Those who are to communicate go up to the Sanctuary at the Domine, non sum dignus, when the bell rings: the Acolyth spreads a cloth before them, and says the Confiteor.

Then the Priest turns to the communicants, and pronounces a general absolution in these words:

Misereatur vestri omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis vestris, perducatur vos ad vitam æternam.	May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting.
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M. Amen.

R. Amen.

S. Indulgentiam, absolutionem, et remissionem peccatorum vestrorum tribuat vobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus.	P. May the almighty and merciful Lord give you pardon, absolution, and remission of your sins.
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M. Amen.

R. Amen.

Elevating a particle of the blessed Sacrament, and turning towards the people, he says:

Ecce Agnus Dei, ecce qui tollit peccata mundi.	Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who taketh away the sins of the world.
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And then repeats three times, Domine, non sum dignus.

Descending the steps of the Altar to the communicants, he administers the Holy Communion, saying to each:

Corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam tuam in vitam æternam. Amen.	May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul to life everlasting. Amen.
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Here the Acolyth pours a little wine into the chalice, and the Priest takes the first ablution.

Quod ore sumpsimus,	Grant, Lord, that what
Domine, pura mente capiamus ;	we have taken with our
et de munere temporali fiat nobis remedium sempiternum.	mouth, we may receive with a pure mind ; and of a temporal gift may it become to us an eternal remedy.

Here the Acolyth pours wine and water over his fingers, and he takes the second ablution.

Corpus tuum, Domine,	May thy body, O Lord,
quod sumpsi, et sanguis quem potavi,	which I have received, and thy blood which I have drunk,
adhæreat visceribus meis : et præstia, ut in me non remaneat scelerum macula,	cleave to my bowels ; and grant that no stain of sin may remain in me,
quem pura et sancta refecerunt sacramenta. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.	who have been refreshed with pure and holy sacraments. Who livest, &c. Amen.

Prayer during the ablution.

Grant us, O Lord, a part in the fruits of thy death and passion, the sacred memory of which we have commemorated in this our sacrifice and communion. I adore thy goodness, O gracious Lord, for thy inestimable favor in admitting me to be present this day at that holy sacrifice where thou art both Priest and Victim. Oh, make me always sensible of so great a blessing, and let not my unworthiness put a bar to thy mercy and goodness.

Then he wipes his mouth and the chalice, which he covers, and having folded the corporal, places it on the altar, as at first: he then goes to the book, and reads the Communion

For the Communion.

the thing I have asked of the Lord, this will I seek for; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Taste and see that the Lord is sweet: blessed is the man that hopeth in him.

(For a Saint's Day.) Blessed is that servant whom his Lord when he cometh shall find watching.

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Then he turns to the people, and says:

V. Dominus vobiscum. V. The Lord be with you.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo. R. And with thy spirit.

Then he reads the Post-Communions; at the end of the first and last of which the Acolyth answers, Amen.

For Post-Communion.

Pour forth upon us, O Lord, the spirit of thy love, that, by thy mercy, thou mayst make those of one mind whom thou hast fed with one celestial food Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, &c.

Graciously hear the prayers of thy family, O almighty God; and grant that these sacred mysteries which we have received from thee, may by thy grace be preserved incorrupt within us. Through our Lord, &c.

(*For a Saint's Day.*) We have received heavenly mysteries, O Lord, in the commemoration of the blessed Mary ever Virgin, N., and all thy Saints; grant, we beseech thee, that what we celebrate in time, we may obtain in the joys of eternity. Through our Lord, &c.

Afterwards he turns again towards the people, and says :

V. Dominus vobiscum.	V. The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	R. And with thy spirit.
Itē missa est; <i>vel</i> Benedicamus Domino.	Go, the Mass is ended; or [<i>when the Gloria in excelsis has been omitted</i>], Let us bless the Lord.
R. Deo Gratias.	R. Thanks be to God.

In Masses for the Dead.

V. Requiescant in pace.	V. May they rest in peace.
R. Amen.	R. Amen.

[*At High Mass, Itē missa est is chanted by the Deacon.*]

Bowing down before the Altar, the Priest says :

Placeat tibi, sancta Trinitas, obsequium servitutis meae; et præsta, ut sacrificium quod oculis tue Majestatis indignus obtuli, tibi sit acceptabile, mihiq;ue, et omnibus pro quibus illud obtuli, sit, te miserante, propitiabile.	O holy Trinity, let the performance of my homage be pleasing to thee; and grant that the sacrifice which I, unworthy, have offered up in the sight of thy Majesty, may be acceptable to thee, and through thy
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Per Christum Dominum mercy be a propitiation
 nostrum. Amen. for me, and all those for
 whom I have offered it.
 Through Christ our Lord.
 Amen

*Then he kisses the Altar, raising his eyes,—and extending,
 raising and joining his hands,—he bows his head, and
 says :*

Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus, Pater, et Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus. Amen.
 May almighty God, the Father, Son, ✠ and Holy Ghost, bless you. Amen.

*At the word Deus, he turns towards the people, and makes
 the sign of the Cross on them. Then turning to the Gos-
 pel side of the Altar. he says :*

V. Dominus vobiscum. V. The Lord be with you.
 R. Et cum spiritu tuo. R. And with thy spirit.

The Benediction is omitted in Masses for the Dead.

*He then traces the sign of the Cross, first upon the Altar,
 and then upon his forehead, lips, and heart, and begins
 the Gospel according to St. John, saying :*

S. Initium sancti Evangelii secundum Joannem.
 P. The beginning of the holy Gospel according to St. John.

At the last Gospel.

O Eternal Word, speak to my soul, which adores thee
 in profound silence ; thou who art the great Creator of
 all things, abandon not, I beseech thee, thy own crea-
 ture : be thou my life, my light, and my all.

M. Gloria tibi, Domine.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In principio erat Verbum, et Verbum erat apud Deum; et Deus at Verbum: hoc erat in principio apud Deum. Omnia per ipsum facta sunt, et sine ipso factum est nihil quod factum est: in ipso vita erat, et vita erat lux hominum; et lux in tenebris lucet, et tenebræ eam non comprehenderunt.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and God was the Word: the same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was made nothing that was made: in him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen erat Joannes. Hic venit in testimonium, ut testimonium perhiberet de lumine, ut omnes crederent

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to give testimony of the light, that all men might

O Light Eternal! enlighten me as to this present life, and in the life to come.

Reign in me as in thine own inheritance; for thou, O Lord, hast made me: thou hast redeemed me. May I be ever thine!

I have sinned too much against heaven, and before thee, and am not worthy to be called thy son.

Thou God Incarnate, have pity on my frail and mortal flesh, and grant it may one day see what it adores here below. Amen

per illum Non erat ille
lux : sed ut testimonium
perhiberet de lumine.
Erat lux vera quæ illumi-
nat omnem hominem
venientem in hunc mun-
dum.

In mundo erat, et mun-
dus per ipsum factus est,
et mundus eum non cog-
novit. In propria venit,
et sui eum non recepe-
runt. Quotquot autem
receperunt eum, dedit eis
potestatem filios Dei fieri :
his qui credunt in nomine
ejus, qui non ex sangui-
nibus, neque ex voluntate
carnis, neque ex volun-
tate viri, sed ex Deo nati
sunt. ET VERBUM CARO
FACTUM EST [*Hic genu-
flectitur*], et habitavit in
nobis ; et vidimus glo-
riam ejus, gloriam quasi
Unigeniti a Patre, plenum
gratiæ et veritatis.

believe through him. He
was not the light, but
came to give testimony of
the light. He was the
true light which enlight-
eneth every man that
cometh into this world.

He was in the world,
and the world was made
by him, and the world
knew him not. He came
unto his own, and his own
received him not. But as
many as received him, to
them he gave power to
become the sons of God :
to those that believe in
his name, who are born
not of blood, nor of the
will of the flesh, nor of
the will of man, but of
God. AND THE WORD
WAS MADE FLESH [*Here
the people kneel down*],
and dwelt among us ;
and we saw his glory, as
it were the glory of the
Only-begotten of the Fa-
ther, full of grace and
truth.

M. Deo Gratias.

R. Thanks be to God.

When a feast falls on a Sunday, or other day which has a proper Gospel of its own, the Gospel of the day is read instead of the Gospel of St. John. [See p. 57.]

Method of Hearing Mass for the Souls of the Faithful Departed.

Make your Intention

O GOD of all mercy, I come to offer thee the blood of the Lamb without spot for the souls which thou lovest, and which sigh only after the blessedness of seeing thee and glorifying thee. Just as are the punishments which thou inflictest upon us, open to them this day the boundless treasure of the satisfaction of thy divine Son; and bestow upon them in this holy sacrifice wherewithal to discharge the debt which they still owe to thy sovereign justice.

[If you are intending to communicate, and wish to offer your Communion for particular Souls, say:]

I beseech thee, O Lord, to apply to the souls of N. N. the indulgences which I shall be able to obtain by the communion I am about to make.]

Whilst the Priest is at the foot of the Altar.

We confess our sins, O God; and we acknowledge that if thou hadst regard only to our iniquities, no man could be justified in thy sight, and endure the severity of thy countenance. Woe to us if thou judgest us without mercy! To appease thy justice, we have recourse, after the example of thy saints, to the unbloody sacrifice of Him who was pleased to be nailed to the cross for us, and who never ceaseth to make intercession with thee in our behalf. Forgive us our sins; forgive also our brethren departed

the sins which they committed against thee whilst they abode in this land of exile. Let thy mercy prevail over thy justice, since thou hast promised graciously to hear those who show mercy, and be thou faithful to thy promises.

The Introit.

Requiem, æternam dona eis, Domine; et lux perpetua luceat eis. <i>Ps.</i> 64. Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion; et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem. Exaudi orationem meam: ad te omnis caro veniet. Requiem.	Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. <i>Ps.</i> To thee is due the hymn, O God, in Sion; and to thee shall the vow be paid in Jerusalem. O hear my prayer: to thee shall all flesh come. Eternal, &c.
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At the Kyrie.

O Jesus, show thyself a God of mercy; have pity on the souls that groan in the place of suffering and expiation.

The Collect.

Fidelium Deus omnium Conditor et Redemptor, animabus famulorum famularumque tuarum remissionem cunctorum tribue peccatorum; ut indulgentiam, quam semper optaverunt, piis supplicationibus consequantur. Qui vivis et regnas, &c.	O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of thy servants departed the remission of all their sins; that, through pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest, &c.
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Or say :

O most gracious God, who art always ready to have mercy and to spare, forget not, I beseech thee, the souls of thy servants whom thou hast summoned to thy judgment ; let thy holy angels conduct them into the heavenly country : they have believed and hoped in thee, let them not be disappointed in their hope, but enter speedily into possession of that throne of glory which thou hast prepared for thy elect.

At the Epistle

“ Brethren, we will not have you ignorant concerning them that are asleep, that you be not sorrowful even as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them who have slept through Jesus, will God bring with him. For this we say unto you in the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent them who have slept. For the Lord himself shall come down from heaven with commandment, and with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God ; and the dead who are in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, shall be taken up together with them in the clouds to meet Christ, into the air, and so shall we be always with the Lord. Wherefore, comfort ye one another with these words.” 1 Thess. iv. 12-17.

Or say :

O Lord, I believe that the souls of those who at their departure out of this world have still to satisfy thy sovereign justice, are relieved by the oblation

of the holy sacrifice. What consolation is there in this most blessed doctrine ! I see therein the accomplishment of that declaration of thy word, that thou wilt never forget the souls of thy servants ; therefore also wouldst thou have us come to the succor of the faithful departed by prayers, and **alms**, and sacrifices. O Lord, I enter, with all my heart, into thy merciful designs ; and I come this day to unite myself with the pious intentions of the Church, by praying for those whom thou didst adopt at the baptismal font, and hast given to us for brethren.

The Gradual.

<p>Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine ; et lux per- petua luceat eis. V. <i>Ps.</i> 111. In memoria æterna erit justus : ab auditione mala non timebit.</p>	<p>Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord ; and let perpetual delight shine upon them. V. The just shall be in everlasting re- membrance : he shall not be afraid for evil report.</p>
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The Tract.

<p>Absolve, Domine, ani- mas omnium fidelium de- functorum ab omni vin- culo delictorum. V. Et gratia tua illis succur- rente, mereantur evadere judicium ultionis. V. Et lucis æternæ beatitudine perfrui.</p>	<p>Release, O Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed from the bonds of their sins. V. And, by the assistance of thy grace, may they merit to escape the sentence of condemnation. V. And enjoy the bliss of eternal light.</p>
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*The Sequence or Prose.*Dies iræ. *See Hymns at end.**At the Gospel.*

* At that time, Martha said to Jesus: Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died but now, also, I know that whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith to her: Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith to him: I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said to her: I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, although he be dead, shall live. And every one that liveth, and believeth in me, shall not die forever. Believest thou this? She saith to him: Yea, Lord, I have believed that thou art Christ, the Son of the living God, who art come into this world." John xi. 21-28.

Or say:

Enlighten me, O Lord, and teach me what I must do, that I may not be confounded with those who have shut their eyes to the light of thy Gospel. Look down compassionately upon me, and vouchsafe, O most merciful Jesus, to pronounce that sentence in my behalf: *Thy sins are forgiven thee.* And let the faithful departed for whom I pray hear those words of joy which thou utteredst on the cross to the penitent thief: *This day thou shalt be with me in paradise.* I know that I am not worthy that thou shouldst hear me. We must pay that which we owe to thy justice. We must return to the dust from whence we came. We must be purified by fire before we can enjoy thy presence. But,

Lord, thy mercies are greater than our sins ; we will say to thee with the Psalmist : My lots are in thy hands ; deliver me out of the hands of my enemies, and from them that persecute me. Make thy face to shine upon thy servant ; save me in thy mercy. Let me not be confounded, O Lord, for I have called upon thee.

The Offertory.

Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriæ, libera animas omnium fidelium defunctorum de pœnis inferni, et de profundo lacu : libera eas de ore leonis, ne absorbeat eas tartarus, ne cadant in obscurum : sed signifer sanctus Michaël repræsentet eas in lumen sanctum : * quam olim Abrahæ promisisti, et semini ejus. V. Hostias et preces tibi, Domine, laudis offerimus : tu suscipe pro animabus illis, quarum hodie memoriam facimus : fac eas, Domine, de morte transire ad vitam. * Quam, &c.

Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the pains of hell, and from the deep pit : deliver them from the lion's mouth, lest hell swallow them up, lest they fall into darkness : and let the standard-bearer, St. Michael, bring them into the holy light : * which thou promisedst of old to Abraham and to his seed. V. We offer thee, O Lord, a sacrifice of praise and prayers ; accept them in behalf of the souls we commemorate this day ; and make them pass, O Lord, from death to life. * Which, &c.

At the Secrets.

I will go down, O just Judge of the living and the dead. I will go down in spirit to that dread

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place where thy hand is heavy on thy children, the heirs of thy glory. There I will sigh and lament, I will unite my prayers to the sacrifice of thy dear Son, that thou mayest shorten their pains, and change their sufferings into consolation, their humiliation into glory. Lord, in the grief that oppresses them, their soul cries unto thee. Have mercy on me, for I acknowledge that I have sinned in thy sight. One thing have I asked of thee, this will I seek after; that I may dwell in thy house forever, to behold the fair beauty of thy temple. I believe verily to see thy face in the land of the living

During the Preface.

It is just and reasonable, right and salutary, to give thee thanks at all times and in all places, Father almighty, eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; through whom thou hast given us the hope of a blessed resurrection, to the end that, if the recollection of the sentence of death passed upon all men comes to sadden us, the promise of immortality may encourage and console our faith; for to those who are faithful to thee, O Lord, to die is to lose a mortal life to pass into a better, and when this their earthly tabernacle is dissolved, they obtain one in the heavens, which shall endure eternally. And therefore, with all the heavenly host, we sing a hymn to thy glory, saying without ceasing: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; his blood cries aloud for pardon, and its voice reacheth even to the throne of mercy.

During the Canon.

O almighty God, whose providence extendeth over all thy creatures, for thou art their Father, cast an eye of pity on the souls that love thee, and whose bitterest pain it is to be separated from thee. Remember, O my God, that they are the work of thine hands, and the price of the sufferings, the death, and the infinite merits, of thy divine Son, Jesus. Wilt thou not relent towards them for his name's sake? We offer thee, in their behalf, the precious blood which was shed for them on the cross; the powerful intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Peter, and St. Paul, and all the Saints; the humble supplications of thy Church, and the prayers and meritorious works of all the faithful. Having this confidence, we hope all from thy mercy, O my God, for the souls which were dear unto us, and which thou hast made it our duty to love and succor. Let thy paternal tenderness disarm at length thy justice. Open to them thy heart; manifest to them thy glory; show thyself to them as thou art, and let flow into their souls that torrent of delights of which thou art the everlasting source.

At the Elevation.

O holy Victim, immolated for the salvation of the world, listen favorably to our prayers. O precious Blood of our Saviour, which wast shed to take away our sins, sanctify us, and cry for mercy on the souls of the faithful departed

Continuance of the Canon.

O Jesus, who didst go down into Limbo to deliv-

er thence the souls of the patriarchs and prophets who awaited thy coming, visit the souls of thy servants in their place of suffering. Moderate the heat of the furnace in which they are tried with the dew of thy grace. Thou hast said that thou wilt consider as done unto thyself, the least good which we shall do unto our brethren: I may hope, then, that the relief which I shall procure for the souls of the faithful will be as acceptable to thee as if I had procured it for thyself. Cease from thy anger, O my God, through the intercession of Him who is the comforter of the afflicted, and through the prayers of all the heavenly host, who plead for the blessedness of the souls in purgatory. Grant, I beseech thee, eternal rest to these our brethren in whose behalf we prostrate ourselves before thee.

At the Pater.

O Jesus, O thou at whose name every knee doth bow in heaven, on earth, and under the earth; O thou who art the sovereign Judge of the living and the dead, let thy name be hallowed by the deliverance of the souls for whom we pray. Let the gate of thy tabernacles be opened to them, and thy will to save them be done this day. Grant that, after having eaten the bread of affliction, they may be nourished with the living bread, which is the fruit of thyself. We beseech thee in thy mercy to forgive the sins of *our parents, friends, and benefactors*, —, and the sins which we have caused them to commit, that thou mayst not impute the guilt to them in the rigor of thy justice. Preserve us from those avenging flames, which, alas! we have too justly merited by the abuse of thy graces, our tepid-

ity in thy service, and our unfaithfulness in resisting temptation. Deliver us from sin, the greatest of all evils. We know that it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

At the Agnus Dei.

C Jesus, how great is the love which led thee to offer thyself, as a lamb to the sacrifice, for the expiation of the sins of the world ! What tongue can worthily extol that charity which leads thee to become surety for our debts, even after our death. What ought not our gratitude to be for so great a benefit !

Lamb of God, who, by thy death, didst overcome the roaring lion that goeth about seeking whom he may devour, have mercy on the faithful departed.

Lamb without spot, who wast immolated to the justice of thy divine Father, to the end that he might forgive us our sins, have mercy on those who have died united by love to thy sacred heart.

Lamb of God, who wast offered in sacrifice, that thou mightest lead us out of this land of perdition to the true land of promise ; thou who hast said : *I am the resurrection and the life ; he that believeth in me, although he be dead, shall live,*—give to the souls of the faithful departed that life, the principle of which was imparted to them by the grace of the holy sacraments ; bestow upon them the happiness of which they have so often received the precious pledge in thy heavenly banquet. I desire to have part therein (*spiritually*), that I may obtain for them, as much as in me lies, the society of thine elect forever ; I offer to thee in their behalf, and

especially for N., all the devotions and good works which I may be enabled to perform. Despise not my humble prayer ; but be thou thyself my consolation in my loss, and grant relief to those souls which were so dear to me, and especially N.

Communion.

Let shine upon them, O Lord, thy eternal light ~~that~~ they may dwell forever with thy saints : grant ~~this~~ favor to them, I beseech thee, O God of mercy.

Post-Communion.

O my God, who hast constituted prayer for the souls in purgatory one of the most essential of our duties, grant that I may find, in thy infinite merits and charity, the pardon of all my past tepidity and sloth. Let the remembrance of thy justice, which keeps them fast bound in prison for faults which I myself so commonly commit, excite in me a firm resolution of entering on the way of penance to expiate my sins, and cause me to walk with more circumspection, that I may not relapse into my former errors. I will no longer delay to do penance. Henceforth I will labor thereat whilst there is yet time. I will pray most humbly for the souls of the faithful departed ; I will deprive myself even of allowable pleasures and enjoyments, to quench the ~~flames~~ ^{fires} in which they suffer ; I will pour my alms ~~into~~ ^{into} the lap of the poor, to make interest in their behalf. Bless these resolutions, O my God, and grant me grace to fulfil them.

The Last Gospel.

"I know that my Redeemer liveth, and in the

last day I shall rise out of the earth, and I shall be clothed again with my skin, and in my flesh I shall see my God, my Saviour; my eyes shall behold him; this my hope is laid up in my bosom." Job xix. 25-27.

"I will look towards the Lord, I will wait for God my Saviour; my God will hear my voice. I shall arise when I sit in darkness, the Lord is my light. . . . He will bring me forth into the light I shall behold his justice." Mich. vii. 7-9.

De Profundis (p. 601), Pater, and Ave.

Devotions for Mass.

Prayers before Mass

RECEIVE, O holy Trinity, one God, the holy sacrifice of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which I, thy unworthy servant, desire now to offer unto thy divine Majesty by the hands of this thy minister, with all the sacrifices which have ever been or are to be offered unto thee, in union with that most holy sacrifice offered by the same our Lord at the last supper, and on the altar of the cross. I offer it unto thee with the utmost affection of devotion, out of pure love for thine infinite goodness, and according to the most holy intention of the same our Lord, and of our holy mother Church:

1. To the great and eternal glory and love of thy divine Majesty.

2. In acknowledgment of thy sovereign excellence and supreme dominion over us, and of our subjection to thee, and dependence upon thee.

3. In perpetual commemoration of the passion and death of the same Christ our Lord.

4. For the honor and increase of glory of the blessed Virgin, and of all the saints triumphant.

5. In eternal thanksgiving for all thy benefits, conferred upon the most sacred humanity of our Lord, upon the blessed Virgin his mother, upon the saints my patrons; and for all the benefits hitherto or yet to be conferred upon all the blessed and predestinated, and upon me, the most unworthy of all.

6. In satisfaction for my sins, and for the sins of all the faithful, living or dead.

7. In particular, I offer it for the attainment of these (N, N), or for this (N) grace or blessing, for these (N, N) persons particularly recommended to me, and for all for whom I am accustomed or bound to pray; that thou wouldst grant to the departed rest, and to the living grace, to know, and love, and glorify thee perfectly now in this life, and hereafter blissfully in heaven. Accept and perfect this my desire, and vouchsafe thy abundant grace and blessing for its accomplishment.

O JESUS, infinitely to be loved! who by the will of the Father and the co-operation of the Holy Ghost hast not only vouchsafed to give thyself once to us as our friend, food, sacrifice, ransom, and

reward, but art also pleased daily to offer thyself to us anew; how great is thy bounty, love, and mercy towards me who am so ungrateful! how great towards thee is my ingratitude, dullness, and wickedness, who for so many and great kindnesses repay thee only with so many and great sins and wickednesses! I grieve for these, and for all the sins of my whole life, simply because I have offended thee, who art infinitely good. I desire to amend all, and to make satisfaction for all, according to thy will. By thy tears, and sweat, and blood, and by this holy sacrifice, I beseech thee to supply all my defects, pardon me, and receive me to the kiss of peace.

O that I could assist at this most divine memorial of thy passion, this monument of thy power, wisdom, and goodness, this compendium of all thy marvels, with that attention, devotion, and reverence which the presence of thy Divine Majesty, the company of so many angels assisting, and the magnificence of so many mysteries as are here enacted, require.

I desire to do this, O my God, with all the affections of my heart, to thy supreme glory, love, and good pleasure, in thanksgiving for all thy benefits, and in satisfaction for all my sins, and the sins of all the faithful, for (N, N), and for all the living and dead, to obtain for all pardon, grace, and glory.

And that I may worthily do this, give me, I beseech thee, abundant grace and blessing for thy merits' sake, and the merits of thy Blessed Virgin Mother, and of all the saints.

O most adorable Saviour, who, in the excess of thy marvellous love, hast been pleased to dwell with us in the sacrament of the altar, I acknowledge thee therein as my sovereign Lord; I adore thee therein with the most profound humility; I thank thee with all my heart for the infinite tenderness with which thou regardest me, notwithstanding the outrages which I have committed against thee, and I desire now to make all the reparation in my power for all the profanations and all the sacrileges which have ever been committed, and which shall ever be committed, against this adorable sacrament. How can I express to thee, O my Jesus, the grief I feel at having appeared before thee with so much irreverence, and at having approached thee with so little fervor! Forget, O Lord, forget my iniquities, that thou mayst remember only thine own mercies. Accept my most earnest desire that thou mayst be honored in the sacrament of thy love. I desire, with all my heart, to love thee therein, to bless, praise, and adore thee, as perfectly as thou art loved, blessed, praised, and adored by the saints and angels; and I beseech thee through thy adorable body and most precious blood, before which I prostrate myself, to grant that henceforth I may so devoutly adore thee therein, and so worthily receive thee, that, after my death, I may be admitted to glorify thee in the company of the blessed throughout eternity. Amen.

Look down, O Lord, from thy sanctuary, and from thy high habitation in the heavens, and behold this most sacred host which the great High Priest, thy holy Child, Lord Jesus, offers to thee

for the sins of his brethren ; and have mercy on the multitude of our wickednesses. Behold, the blood of Jesus our brother cries aloud to thee from thee cross. O Lord, hear ; O Lord, be appeased ; hearken, and do ; delay not, for thine own sake, O my God, for thy name is invoked upon this city and upon thy people ; and deal with us according to thy mercy. Amen.

Devotions for Mass.

PART I.

THE PREPARATION OF THE OFFERERS BY ACTS OF HUMILITY, PRAISE, FAITH, ETC.

*Prayer at the beginning of Mass, while the Priest says
the Judica me, Deus, &c.*

O ALMIGHTY Lord of heaven and earth, behold I, a wretched sinner, presume to appear before thee this day, to offer up to thee, by the hands of our High Priest, Jesus Christ, thy Son, the sacrifice of his body and blood, in union with that sacrifice which he offered to thee upon the cross : first, for thine own honor, praise, adoration, and glory : secondly, in remembrance of his death and passion : thirdly, in thanksgiving for all thy blessings bestowed on him and on his whole Church, whether

triumphant in heaven or militant on earth, and especially for those bestowed on me, the most unworthy of all: fourthly, for obtaining pardon and remission of all my sins, and of those of all others, whether living or dead, for whom I ought to pray; and lastly, for obtaining all graces and blessings both for myself and for thy whole Church. Oh! be thou pleased to assist me in such manner by thy grace that I may behave myself this day as I ought to do in thy divine presence, and that I may so commemorate the death and passion of thy Son, as to partake most plentifully of the fruits of it. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the Confiteor

O blessed Trinity, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, prostrate in spirit before thee, I here confess, in the sight of the whole court of heaven, and of all thy faithful, my innumerable treasons against thy divine Majesty. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned: I have grievously offended through the whole course of my life, in thought, word, and deed; and therefore am unworthy to lift my eyes to heaven, or so much as to name thy sacred name: how much more am I unworthy to appear here in thy sanctuary, and to assist among thy angels at these heavenly mysteries, which require so much purity; because Jesus Christ himself is here in person, both Priest and Vic

tion! But, O my God, thy mercies are above all thy works and thou wilt not despise a contrite and humble heart: and therefore I here venture to come into thy temple, and with the poor publican, strike my breast, and say, God, be merciful to me a sinner. And I humbly hope to find this mercy which I crave, through that passion and death which are here celebrated. O Fountain of Mercy, grant this mercy to me and to all poor sinners. Amen

When the Priest ascends the steps of the Altar.

Take away from us our iniquities, we beseech thee, O Lord; that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of Holies. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the Introit.

Grant, O Lord, we may be truly prepared for the offering this great sacrifice to thee this day; and because our sins alone can render us displeasing to thee, therefore we cry aloud to thee for mercy.

At the Kyrie eleison.

Either repeat with the Priest, or say:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, and forgive me all my sins.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, have mercy on me.

*The Gloria in excelsis.**Repeat this with the Priest.*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace
 to men of good will. We praise thee; we
 bless thee; we adore thee; we glorify thee.
 We give thee thanks for thy great glory, O
 Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father
 almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-be-
 gotten Son: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son
 of the Father, who takest away the sins of the
 world, have mercy on us: thou who takest
 away the sins of the world, receive our prayers:
 thou who sittest at the right hand of the
 Father, have mercy on us. For thou only art
 holy: thou only art the Lord: thou only, O
 Jesu Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most
 high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

At the Collects.

O almighty and eternal God, we humbly
 beseech thee mercifully to give ear to the
 prayers here offered thee by thy servant in
 the name of thy whole Church, and in behalf
 of us thy people. Accept them, to the honor
 of thy name, and the good of our souls; and
 grant to us all mercy, grace, and salvation.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Or, for a Saint's Day.)

Grant, we beseech thee, a'mighty God, :hat

the examples of thy saints may effectually move us to reform our lives, that while we celebrate their festivals, we may also imitate their actions. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

At the Epistle.

Thou hast vouchsafed, O Lord, to teach us thy sacred truths by the prophets and apostles: O grant that we may so improve by their doctrine and examples in the love of thy holy name, and of thy holy law, that we may show forth by our lives whose disciples we are; that we may no longer follow the corrupt inclinations of flesh and blood, but master all our passions; that we may be ever directed by thy light, and strengthened by thy grace, to walk in the way of thy commandments, and to serve thee with clean hearts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the Gradual.

How wonderful, O Lord, is thy name, through the whole earth! I will bless thee, O Lord, at all times; thy praise shall ever be in my mouth. Be thou my God and Protector forever: I will put my whole trust in thee; oh! let me never be confounded.

At the Gospel.

Mayst thou be ever adored and praised, O Lord, who, not content to instruct and inform us by thy prophets and apostles, hast even

vouchsafed to speak to us by thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, commanding us by a voice from heaven to hear Him: grant us, O merciful God, the grace to profit by his divine and heavenly doctrine. All that is written of thee, dread Jesus, in thy Gospel, is truth itself nothing but wisdom in thy actions power and goodness in thy miracles; light and instruction in thy words. With thee, sacred Redeemer, are the words of eternal life: to whom shall we go, but to thee, Eternal Fountain of Truth? Give me, O God, grace to practise what thou commandest, and command what thou pleasest.

At the Credo.

Say this with the Priest.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God of God; Light of Light; true God of true God; begotten, not made; consubstantial with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary: AND WAS MADE MAN. [*Here the people kneel down.*] He was crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. The third day he rose again accord-

ing to the Scriptures ; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father : and he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead : of whose kingdom there shall be no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and life giver, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son : who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified ; who spake by the prophets. And one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PART II.

THE PREPARATION AND SANCTIFICATION OF THE BREAD AND WINE FOR THE SACRIFICE.

During the Offertory of the Bread and the Wine.

Accept, O holy Father, almighty and eternal God, this unspotted Host, which I, thy unworthy servant, offer thee, my living and true God, for my innumerable sins, offences, and negligences, and for all here present, and for all faithful Christians, living and dead ; that it may avail me and them to life everlasting. Amen.

We offer thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, beseeching thy clemency, that it may

ascend before thy divine Majesty, as a sweet perfume, for our salvation, and for that of the whole world.

Accept us, O Lord, in the spirit of humility and a contrite heart: and grant that the sacrifice which we offer this day in thy sight may be pleasing to thee, O Lord God.

At the Lavabo.

Oh, what cleanness and purity of heart ought we to bring with us to this great sacrifice! but, alas, I am a poor unclean sinner. Oh, wash me, dear Lord, from all the stains of sin in the blood of the Lamb, that I may be worthy to be present at these heavenly mysteries.

After the Lavabo, when the Priest bows down at the middle of the Altar.

O most holy and adorable Trinity, vouchsafe to receive this our sacrifice in remembrance of our Saviour's passion, resurrection, and glorious ascension: and grant that we may die with him to our sins, rise with him to a new life, and ascend with him to thee. Let those saints, whose memory we celebrate on earth, remember us before thy throne in heaven, and obtain mercy for us, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the Orate, Fratres.

May the Lord receive this sacrifice from

thy hands, to the praise and glory of his own name, for our benefit, and that of all his holy Church.

At the Secreta.

Mercifully hear our prayers, O Lord and graciously accept this oblation which we thy servants make to thee; and as we offer it to the honor of thy name, so may it be to us here a means of obtaining thy grace, and life everlasting hereafter through Jesus Christ Amen.

(Or, for a Saint's Day.)

Sanctify, O Lord, we beseech thee, these gifts which we offer thee in this solemnity of thy holy servant N, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that both in prosperity and adversity our ways may be ever directed to thy honor, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the Sursum Corda.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We have them lifted up unto the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is meet and just.

The Preface.

It is truly meet and just, right and salutary, that we should always, and in all places, give thanks to thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty,

eternal God. Through Christ our Lord, through whom the Angels praise thy Majesty, the Dominations adore, the Powers do hold in awe, the heavens, and the Virtues of the heavens, and the blessed Seraphim do celebrate with united joy. In union with whom we beseech thee, that thou wouldst command our voices also to be admitted, with suppliant confession, saying,

[Here the bell is rung.]

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PART III.

THE CANON OF THE MASS, OR MAIN ACTION OF THE SACRIFICE.

At the beginning of the Canon.

Most merciful Father, who hast given us thy only Son to be our daily sacrifice, incline thine ears to our prayers, and favor our desires; protect, unite, and govern thy whole Church throughout the world; pour forth thy blessing on his present Holiness, on our Bishop, and all true professors of the Catholic faith.

I offer thee, O eternal Father, with this thy minister at the altar, this oblation of the body

and blood of thy only Son, to thy honor and glory ; in remembrance of my Saviour's passion, in thanksgiving for all thy benefits, in satisfaction for all my sins, and for the obtaining of thy grace, whereby I may be enabled to live virtuously and die happily. I desire thee likewise to accept it, O God, for my parents [*if alive*], relatives, friends, and benefactors : grant them all blessings, spiritual and temporal I offer it up also [*name the particular intention*]. *you offer it up for ; as for obtaining this virtue, overcoming that vice ; for blessings, such as health, &c.*]. Likewise for all that are in misery ; for those I have in any way injured either in word or deed ; for all my enemies , for all those for whom my prayers are desired, especially N ; for the conversion of all sinners, and enlightening all that sit in darkness. Pour forth thy blessings on all, according to their different necessities. Through the merits of thy only Son our Lord.

When the Pries: spreads his Hands over the Oblation

[*Here the bell is again rung.*]

Give ear, we beseech thee, to the prayers of thy servant, who is here appointed to make this oblation in our behalf ; and grant it may be effectual for the obtaining of all those blessings which he asks for us.

Behold, O Lord, we all here present to thee in this bread and wine the symbols of our per-

lect union. Grant, O Lord, that they may be made for us the true body and blood of thy dear Son; that being consecrated to thee by this holy Victim, we may live in thy service and depart this life in thy grace

At the Consecration

Bow down your body and soul in solemn adoration, make an act of faith in the real presence of your Saviour's body and blood, soul and divinity, under the sacramental veils. Offer your whole self to him, and through him to his Father: beg that your heart and soul may be happily changed into him.

At the Elevation of the Host.

[Here the bell is rung again.]

Most adorable body, I adore thee with all the powers of my soul. Lord, who hast given thyself entire to us, grant we may become entirely thine. I believe, O Lord; help my unbelief.

Most merciful Saviour, be thou my protector; strengthen and defend me by thy heavenly grace, now, and especially at the hour of my death, good Jesus. Amen.

At the Elevation of the Chalice.

[Here also the bell is rung.]

Most adorable blood, that wastest away all our sins, I adore thee: happy we, could we return our life and blood for thine. O blessed Victim.

O Jesus, do thou cleanse, sanctify, and preserve our souls to eternal life. Live, Jesus, in us. and may we live in thee. Amen.

After the Elevation.

And now, O Lord, with grateful hearts we call to mind the sacred mysteries of thy passion and death, of thy resurrection and ascension. Here is thy body that was broken; here is thy blood that was shed for us; of which these exterior signs are but the figures and yet in reality contain the substance. Now we truly offer thee, O Lord, that pure and holy Victim which thou hast been pleased to give us; of which all the other sacrifices were but so many types and figures

At the Memento for the Dead.

I offer thee again, O Lord, this holy sacrifice of the body and blood of thy only Son, in behalf of the faithful departed, and in particular for the souls of [*here name whom you chiefly propose to pray for*] my parents [*if dead*], relatives, benefactors, neighbors, &c. Likewise of such as I have any ways injured, or been the occasion of their sins; of such as have injured me, and been my enemies; of such as die in war, or have none to pray for them; &c. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech thee, a place of refreshment, light, and peace: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the Nobis quoque Peccatibus.

Vouchsafe to grant the same to us, poor and miserable sinners: judge us not according to our demerits; but through the infinite multitude of thy mercies, in which we hope, liberally extend to us thy grace and pardon.

We ask it of thee, in the name of thy dear Son, who liveth and reigneth eternally with thee, and in that form of prayer which he himself hath taught us.

PART IV.

THE COMMUNION, OR SACRAMENTAL PART OF THE CANON.

At the Pater noster.

Our Father, &c.

Deliver us from those evils which we labor under at present; from past evils, which are our manifold sins; and from all the evils to come, which will be the just chastisement of our offences, if our prayers, and those more powerful ones of thy saints, who intercede for us, intercept not thy justice, or excite not thy bounty.

At the Pax Domini.

Thy body was broken, and thy blood shed for us: grant that the commemoration of this holy mystery may obtain for us peace and

that those who receive it may find everlasting rest.

At the Agnus Dei, say with the Priest :

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

After the Agnus Dei.

In saying to thy apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you ; thou hast promised, O Lord, to all thy Church, that peace which the world cannot give ; peace with thee, and peace with ourselves.

Let nothing, O Lord, ever interrupt this holy peace ; let nothing separate us from thee, to whom we heartily desire to be united, through the blessed sacrament of peace and reconciliation. Let this food of angels strengthen us in every Christian duty, so as never more to yield under temptations, or fall into our common weaknesses.

[If you intend to communicate, say instead :

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, according to the will of the Father, through the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast by thy death given life to the world ; deliver me by this thy most sacred body and

blood from all my iniquities and from all evils ; and make me always adhere to thy commandments, and never suffer me to be separated from thee ; who with the same God the Father and Holy Ghost livest and reignest God forever and ever. Amen.

Let not the participation of thy body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, all unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation ; but through thy mercy, may it be to me a safeguard and remedy, both of soul and body. Who with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God forever and ever. Amen.]

At the Domine, non sum dignus [here the bell is rung], say with the Priest three times, striking your breast :

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof ; say but the word, and my soul shall be healed.

Such as do not intend to communicate sacramentally, may communicate spiritually, as follows :

Most loving Jesus, I adore thee with a lively faith, who art present in this sacrament by virtue of thy infinite power, wisdom, and goodness. All my hope is in thee. I love thee, O Lord, with all my heart, who hast so loved me ; and therefore I desire to receive thee now spiritually ; come, therefore, O Lord, to me in spirit, and heal my sinful soul. Feed

me, for I am hungry ; strengthen me, for I am weak ; enliven and sanctify me with thy sacred body and blood ; deliver me from all sin, and make me always obedient to thy commands ; and let me never be separated from thee, my Saviour, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God, forever and ever. Amen.

At the Communion.

Let it be now, O Lord, the effect of thy mercy, that we, who have been present at this holy mystery, may find the benefit of it in our souls.

PART V.

PUBLIC THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

At the Post-Communion.

We give thee thanks, O God, for thy mercy, in admitting us to have a part in offering this sacrifice to thy holy name : accept it now to thy glory, and be ever mindful of our weakness.

Most gracious God, Father of mercy, grant, I beseech thee, that this adorable sacrifice of the blessed body and blood of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, may obtain for us at thy hands, mercy, and the remission of all our sins. Amen.

Concluding Prayer.

I return thee now most hearty thanks, O my God, through Jesus Christ thy Son, that thou hast been pleased to deliver him up to death for us, and to give us his body and blood, both as a sacrament and a sacrifice, in these holy mysteries, at which thou hast permitted me, a most unworthy sinner, to assist this day. May all heaven and earth bless and praise thee ever, for all thy mercies. Pardon me, O Lord, all the distractions and negligences which I have been guilty of this day in thy sight; and let me not depart without thy blessing. Behold, I desire from this moment to give up myself, and all that belongs to me, into thy hands; and I beg that all my undertakings, all my thoughts, words, and actions, may henceforward tend to thy glory, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel of St. John.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and God was the Word: the same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was made nothing that was made: in him was life, and the life was the light of men: and

the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to give testimony of the light. He was the true light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world.

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them he gave power to become the sons of God : to those that believe in his name, who are born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us ; and we saw his glory, as it were the glory of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth

Prayers ordered by His Holiness Pope Leo XIII to be recited after Low Mass.

Three Hail Marys.

THE SALVE REGINA. (See p. 57.)

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of God.

Let us Pray.

O God, our refuge and our strength, graciously hear Thy people crying to Thee ; and through the intercession

of the glorious and Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of her spouse St. Joseph, Thy holy Apostles Peter and Paul and all the Saints lend a merciful and compassionate ear to the prayers which we pour forth for the conversion of sinners and the freedom and prosperity of Holy Mother Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O holy Archangel Michael, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wiles and the wickedness of the devil. Restrain him, O God, we humbly beseech Thee; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast him into hell with the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the destruction of souls.

(300 Days Indulgence.)

I give thee all possible praise and thanks, O Sovereign Creator, that thou hast permitted me this day to be present, and to assist at this holy sacrifice. Receive, O Lord, my unworthy prayers, supply all my defects, pardon all my distractions and indevotions; and grant that by the strength and virtue of those divine mysteries, I may go on cheerfully in the path of thy commandments, love, and service, amidst all the temptations, troubles, and dangers of my life's pilgrimage, till I shall one day happily arrive at thy heavenly kingdom, where, with the blessed angels and saints, I shall more clearly contemplate thee, more perfectly enjoy thee, and more worthily celebrate thy infinite goodness and mercy, with uninterrupted canticles of eternal praise, admiration, and gratitude.

Happy are they who dwell in thy house, O Lord: forever and ever they will praise thee.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive honor, glory, and power.

Praise the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy is everlasting.

Who shall relate the wonders of the Lord ? who shall publish his praises ?

O divine Saviour of our souls, who hast graciously been pleased to leave us thy precious body and blood in the most holy sacrament of the altar ; we here adore thee with the most profound respect, and return thee our most humble thanks for all the graces which, by this mystery, thou hast communicated to us. Thou art the great source of every good gift : shower down then this day, we beseech thee, thy benediction upon all who are here present, and upon thy whole Church ; and, that nothing may put a stop to the course of thy graces, take from our hearts whatever is displeasing to thee ; pardon our sins, which for the love of thee we sincerely detest : purify our hearts, and sanctify our souls. Bless us, O Jesus ! with a blessing like to that with which thou didst bless thy disciples, when leaving this earth thou didst ascend into heaven. Bless us with a blessing which may change us, purify us, and unite us perfectly to thee : which may fill us with thy spirit, and may be to us, even in this life, an assured pledge of that benediction which thou hast prepared for thy elect in thy heavenly kingdom. Amen.

O God, of whose mercies there is no number, and the treasure of whose goodness is infinite ; we humbly thank thy most gracious Majesty for the favors thou hast bestowed on us ; ever beseeching thy clem-

ency, that as thou grantest our requests when we humbly ask thee, so thou wilt not forsake us, but dispose us for the rewards of the time to come: through, &c. Amen.



A Method of Hearing Mass by way of Meditation;

WITH DEVOUT AFFECTIONS ON THE PASSION AND DEATH OF
OUR LORD.



Before the service begins, while waiting for the Priest to come in. Call to mind the last Supper, in which Christ instituted the Sacrifice of the Mass, and gave himself to us all to be our food. Oughtest thou not to acknowledge and give him thanks for this excess of love?

AFFECTIONS.

I acknowledge, O Lord Jesus, that having loved thine own, thou didst truly love them even unto the end. John xiii. 1.

For, behold, thou hast prepared a table before me, against them that afflict me. Ps. xxii. 6.

I will offer also unto thee now the sacrifice of praise, and will call upon the name of the Lord. Ps. cxv. 7.

When the Priest is descending from the altar before commencing the Mass. Consider Christ after Supper going from Mount Sion (where the Supper had been held) to the Garden of Gethsemane. And his disciples followed him. Luke xxii. 39. And wilt thou forsake thy God in the time of temptation and trial?

AFFECTIONS.

In whatsoever place thou shalt be, O my Lord, there will thy servant be. 2 Kings xv. 21.

It is good for me to adhere to my God, to put my hope in the Lord God. Ps. lxxii. 28.

Lord, I am ready to go with thee both into prison and to death. Luke xvii. 33.

At the Confession. Contemplate Christ praying in his agony when his sweat became as drops of blood trickling down upon the ground. Luke xxii. 44. Thy sins forced out his blood; and wilt thou not grieve on account of them?

AFFECTIONS.

Who will give water to my head, and a fountain of tears to my eyes, and I will weep day and night. Jer. ix. 1.

Father, I have sinned against Heaven, and before thee; I am not now worthy to be called thy son. Luke iv. 21.

O God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Luke xviii. 13.

When the priest kisses the altar, and at the Introit. Consider Judas betraying Christ with a kiss. And art not thou also a traitor, while thou rejectest thy Saviour to embrace some trifling pleasure?

AFFECTIONS.

Impute not to me, my Lord, the iniquity, nor remember the injuries of thy servant. 2 Kings xix. 19.

I acknowledge my iniquity, and my sin is ever before me. Ps. l. 4.

Lord, have mercy upon me, have mercy upon me.

At the Kyrie eleison. Reflect on the threefold denial of Peter, who did not repent until the Lord looked upon him. Luke xxii. 61. How often art thou ashamed of thy Lord Jesus, and amidst him before men! When wilt thou repent?

AFFECTIONS.

I have sinned, O Lord. 2 Kings xii. 13
 Cast me not away from thy presence. Ps. i. 12.
 Look upon me, and have mercy upon me. Ps. xxiv
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At the Gloria. Think of the exultation of the Jews at the mocking and sufferings of Christ. And art not thou as one of them, if thou takest pleasure in wicked things?

AFFECTIONS.

What shall I answer? or what shall I say? God has found out the iniquity of his servant. Gen. xlv. 16.
 Convert us, O God our Saviour, and turn away thine anger from us. Ps. lxxxiv. 5.
 I will be glad and rejoice in thee, O Lord. Ps. ix. 3.

At the Collect, Epistle, and Gradual. Think of all the accusations, mockeries, blows, and spittings which Christ endured in the houses of Annas and Caiaphas. John xviii. 22. Christ was silent as a lamb before his shearers; but how easily art thou made angry, and reproachest thine accusers!

AFFECTIONS.

Where is thy fortitude and thy patience? Job iv. 6.
 Thou art my patience, O Lord. Ps. lxx. 5.
 Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and a door round about my lips. Incline not my heart to evil words. Ps. cxl. 4.

At the Gospel, which the priest reads, crossing over to the other side of the altar. Meditate how Christ was hurried from Caiaphas to Pilate, questioned concerning his teaching, and rebuked. Luke xxiii. Dost thou value the precious doctrine of Jesus? Dost thou receive it carefully, thyself, and hand it on to others?

AFFECTIIONS.

Direct my steps according to thy word and let no iniquity have dominion over me. Ps. cxviii. 133.

Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my paths. Ps. cxviii.

I will teach thy ways unto the wicked; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Ps. l. 14.

Meditate upon Christ sent by Pilate to Herod, and by him sent back again to Pilate (when he obtained not the signs he expected to see), clothed in a white garment, as a silly person, not worthy of credit. Luke xxiii. Art thou among those who, before they will believe, demand of Christ that they may see a sign? Mark xii. 59.

AFFECTIIONS.

Blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed. John xx. 29.

I do believe, Lord; help my unbelief. Mark ix. 23

I live in the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered himself for me. Gal. ii. 20.

At the Offertory. Meditate upon the resignation of Christ, and his offering himself to bear all things for the glory of his Father and the redemption of mankind. Ps. ~~xxxix~~ Art thou prepared to endure adversity and affliction?

AFFECTIIONS.

I am prepared for scourges. Ps. xxxvii. 18.

I will take the chalice of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Ps. cxv. 4.

Confirm, O God, that which thou hast wrought in me. Ps. lxxvii. 29.

At the Lavabo. Reflect how Pilate sought to excuse himself for his most wicked deed by washing his hands, but did not escape the guilt itself. Matt. xxvii. 24. How often dost thou seek to conceal thy sins, and to make excuses for them. So doing, thou dost rather increase than diminish them.

AFFECTIONS.

I confess against myself my injustice unto the Lord
Ps. xxxi. 6.

O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my offences
are not hidden from thee. Ps. lxxviii. 6.

If I contend with thee, I cannot answer thee one for
a thousand. Job ix. 3.

*At the Orate fratres. Meditate upon Christ about to be
condemned by Pilate, presented to the people in a crown
of thorns and a purple robe. John xix. 4. What will be
thy state, O man, when thou shalt stand before Christ the
judge at the last day?*

AFFECTIONS.

Who will grant me this, that thou mayest protect me
in hell, and hide me till thy wrath pass by? Job xiv. 13.

I will let go my speech against myself; I will speak
in the bitterness of my soul. I will say to God, Do not
condemn me. Job x. 1.

For, behold, I was conceived in iniquity, and in sin
did my mother conceive me. Ps. l. 6.

*At the Preface. Reflect that the very same Jews who, five
days before, saluted Christ with Hosannas, now cry out,
Crucify him, crucify him. John xix. 6. Art thou guilty
of similar inconstancy?*

AFFECTIONS

Perfect thou my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps
be not moved. Ps. xvi. 6.

Strengthen thou me in thy words. Ps. cxviii. 28.

Thy hand shall lead me, and thy right hand shall hold
me. Ps. cxxxviii. 9.

*At the Canon. Meditate upon Jesus bearing his own cross
as he went up to Calvary. John xix. 17. Dost thou not
hear the voice of Christ? If any man will come after*

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Apoc. xiv. 13.

At the Agnus Dei, when the priest strikes his breast. Reflect how many of those who saw Christ dying on the cross, striking their breasts, returned. Luke xxiii. 48. And dost not thou strike thy breast in token of true sorrow for thy sins?

AFFECTIONS.

Lord, I strike my breast with the publican, and say Be merciful to me a sinner. Luke xviii. 13.

And now, O Lord, think of me, and take not revenge of my sins, neither remember my offences, nor those of my parents. Job iii. 3.

Let thy mercies speedily prevent us. Ps. xxviii. 8.

At the Communion of the Priest. Meditate upon the burial of Christ. John xix. 41. He asks from thee thy heart for a sepulchre.

AFFECTIONS.

My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready. Ps. lvi. 10.

Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place, thou and the ark of thy holiness. Ps. cxxxi. 8.

My heart shall rejoice with thee. Prov. xxiii. 15.

At the last Collect, which the priest reads with a loud voice. Meditate upon Christ's joyful and glorious resurrection. Mark xvi. 6. Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Colos. iii. 3.

AFFECTIONS.

We look for the Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ, who will reform the body of our lowness, made like to the body of his glory. Phil. iii. 20, 21.

When shall I come and appear before the face of God? Ps. xli. 2.

I desire to be dissolved, and to be with Christ. Phil. i. 23.

At the Benediction. Meditate how Christ, ascending up into heaven, blessed his disciples. Mark xvi. 19. Unto this are ye called, that ye may inherit a blessing. 1 Pet. iii. 9.

AFFECTIONS.

Save, O Lord, thy people, and bless thy inheritance
Pa. xxvii. 9.

May God our God bless us; may God bless us. Pa.
lvi. 7.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, O Lord;
they shall praise thee forever and ever. Ps. lxxxiii. 5.

PRAYER AT THE CONCLUSION OF MASS.

Accept, O holy Trinity, this sacrifice of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which I have offered to thy divine Majesty in remembrance of his passion and death; and by his infinite merits, I beseech thee, that all my defects and negligences may be supplied, for he is the propitiation for our sins. Amen.

An Exercise of Union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus during Mass.

It is in the holy Sacrifice of the Mass that Jesus Christ offers himself, for love of us, to the Divine Justice; it is, then, by assisting at this august Sacrifice, that we ought to honor his Sacred Heart. Meditate on his mercies towards all the children of Adam. Endeavor to show as much sorrow for your sins as if you saw him crucified afresh on Calvary.

Make your Intention.

I offer thee, O my God, this august sacrifice, to honor thy unspeakable perfections, to thank thee for all the

graces which thou hast so often heaped upon me, to ask thy pardon for my numberless infidelities, and to obtain of thee new favors.

O Jesus, grant me, I beseech thee, a constant attention, a profound reverence, a lively faith, and a tender devotion during the adorable sacrifice: set me on fire with the love of thee, that I may partake of the merits which thou hast obtained for me at the price of thy blood.

Whilst the Priest is at the foot of the Altar.

O divine Jesus, thou art the victim charged with all the iniquities of the world; thou didst weep for them bitter tears; thou didst expiate them by the most dreadful torments and by the most cruel of deaths. I come to mingle my tears with thine; I confess to thee, in the presence of Mary ever Virgin and of all the Saints, that I have sinned exceedingly; that it is my ingratitude that pierced thy heart, and put thee to a cruel death. O God, my Saviour, through thy tears, through thy agony in the Garden of Olives, through thy precious blood and the wound in thy Sacred Heart, I beseech thee to pardon me, and grant me the remission of all my sins

At the Introit.

Let us adore the Heart of Jesus, which has loved us so much; let us prostrate ourselves before him, and bewail the sins of which we have been guilty. Grant us, O Lord, a contrite and humble heart; let the homage of our adorations be as acceptable to thee as if we offered thee thousands of victims.

At the Kyrie.

O Father of infinite mercy, have pity on thy children; O Jesus, immolated for us, apply to us the merits of thy precious blood: O Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier, descend into our hearts, and inflame them with thy love.

At the Gloria in excelsis.

What happiness for us that the Son of the Most High should have been pleased to dwell amongst us, and have vouchsafed to offer us a dwelling in his Divine Heart! Suffer us, O Lord, to mingle our voices with those of the angelic choir, to thank thee for so great a favor; and let us say with them: "Glory to God in the highest heavens." O almighty Father, we praise thee, we bless thee, we adore thee, we give thee thanks for all the benefits which thou hast lavished upon us without ceasing. O Jesus, Lamb without spot, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord, who reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost in glory, and meritest all our homage on earth.

At the Collects.

O divine Jesus, inexhaustible fountain of all good things, open to us, we beseech thee, the interior of thy Heart; that, having entered, by pious meditation, into this august sanctuary of divine love, we may fix forever there our hearts, as the place wherein are found the treasure, the repose, and the happiness of holy souls; who livest and reignest forever and ever.

At the Epistle.

"He shall grow up as a tender plant before the Lord, and as a root out of a thirsty ground; there is no beauty in him, nor comeliness: and we have seen him, and there was no sightliness, that we should be desirous of him: despised, and the most abject of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with infirmity: and his look was as it were hidden and despised; whereupon we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our infirmities, and carried our sorrows; and we have thought him as it were a leper, and as one struck by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our iniquities, he was bruised for our sins: the chastisement of our peace was upon

him, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray, every one hath turned aside into his own way: and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was offered because it was his own will, and he opened not his mouth: he shall be led as a sheep to the slaughter, and shall be dumb as a lamb before his shearer, and he shall not open his mouth. He was taken away from distress, and from judgment: who shall declare his generation? because he is cut off out of the land of the living: for the wickedness of my people have I struck him." (Is liii. 2-8.)

At the Gradual.

Let the tears flow from our eyes, day and night, as a torrent; let our hearts be poured out like water before the Lord: let us raise up our hands to him.

Heart of Jesus, pardon thy children; let not thy heritage fall into reproach; save us, and we will never cease to sing thy mercies.

At the Gospel.

O Lord Jesus, teach us what we ought to do to gain eternal life.

"My little children, I give you a new commandment: That you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another. If you love me, keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he shall give you the Spirit of truth, whom the world knoweth not. I will not leave you orphans: I will come to you; you shall know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. He that keepeth my commandments, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me, shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will open to him my heart. Abide in me; if any one abide not in me, he shall be cast forth as a branch, and shall wither, and they shall cast him into the fire, and he burneth. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask whatever you will

and it shall be done unto you. It is the will of my Father that you bring forth good fruit, and become my disciples. A little while, and you shall not see me; you shall lament and weep, but the world shall rejoice; but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man shall take from you. In the world you shall have distress: but have confidence, I have overcome the world. Holy Father, keep them in thy name whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we also are. I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from evil. Father, I will that where I am, they also whom thou hast given me may be with me, that they may see my glory." (*Compare* John xiii.-xvii.)

At the Credo.

I believe, O my God, the truths which thou hast revealed to thy Church. I desire to live and die in this faith. Grant, O Lord, that my life may be conformable with my faith, that my faith may be animated by good works, that I may never be ashamed to declare myself Catholic, and may constantly maintain the interests of thy holy religion.

O Church of Rome, the persecutions which thou hast endured, far from weakening my faith, do but strengthen it the more, since thy divine Spouse foretold them. I vow inviolable attachment to thee. Lord, draw close the bonds that bind me to thy holy Church; put into my heart a spirit of perfect obedience to its lawful pastors. In its bosom I became thy child, and in its bosom I wish to live and die. Amen.

At the Offertory.

O Jesus, we draw near with confidence to thy Sacred Heart; cast upon us, we beseech thee, a look of pity, and make our hearts a perpetual offering consecrated to thy glory.

From the Offertory to the Preface.

Sin hath made us the enemies of our God, but Jesus Christ, by his death, hath reconciled us with his divine Father. It is in the Sacred Heart that this reconciliation is accomplished. O my soul, how Jesus Christ hath loved us! At what a price he hath redeemed us! Not with gold, nor with riches; but by the voluntary shedding of his blood. He hath sacrificed himself for us: let us then live only for him, let us sacrifice ourselves together with him.

Thou willest, O Jesus, that I should be a victim of love, wholly consecrated to thy Divine Heart: it is my most ardent desire. Thy benefits are numberless; thou hast broken the bonds of my servitude; thou hast adopted me for thy child; thou hast admitted me to thy table; thou hast given me a place in thy Divine Heart; and even yet, for all my continual prevarications, thou preparest me an everlasting blessedness: how could I ever forget so many benefits! I will publish thy mercies, and will never cease to love thee with all the fervor of my heart. But, O my God, my heart is not full enough of love and fervor to be an offering worthy of thee. What, then, shall I give thee? I will give thee thy Son. That Son, the most worthy object of thy complacency, will supply my inability. O Lord, look not on me, but on this divine offering.

At the Preface.

Lift up, O Lord, do thou thyself lift up my heart to thee. Take from it all unholy thoughts, all earthly affections. Lift it wholly up to heaven, where thy Heart is worthily adored, and to the altar, where it is about to manifest itself to me. My life is but one continual succession of thy mercies, let it be one continual succession of thanksgivings; and as thou art now about to renew the greatest of all sacrifices, is it not meet that I should burst forth in expressions of heartfelt gratitude? Suffer me, then, to join my feeble voice with the voices of al

the heavenly spirits, and in union with them to say, in a transport of joy and admiration: Holy, holy, holy is the Heart of Jesus, the worthy object of the Divine complacency, and of the homage of heaven and earth. The whole earth is full of its glory and its mercy; let my heart be full also of its love.

At the commencement of the Canon.

O God, infinitely holy, if my sins provoke thee, and make me abominable in thy sight, look upon the Lamb without spot, who is going to immolate himself to take away the sins of the world, and, beholding his merits, remember not my ingratitude. Remember only that I have been graciously admitted into the Heart of thy divine Son, and am intimately united to it. This Heart, infinitely merciful, prayed for me on Calvary, and soon will it renew the sacrifice of itself for me.

O my God, would that I had all the sorrow which filled the Heart of Jesus, the man of sorrows, when, weighed down under the heavy burden of my sins, and ready to expiate them by cruel torments, he wept grievously in the garden of Olives, and, all covered with a bloody sweat, made for me an act of reparation to thy outraged majesty, imploring thy mercy with deep sighs and groans! I earnestly desire this perfect sorrow: I ask it of thee with all my heart; I confess that I have sinned exceedingly in offending thee, and repaying thy benefits only with outrages and insults. There is nothing I would not do to expiate my innumerable sins, and I would willingly shed my blood to satisfy thy justice.

But what do I behold upon the altar? Is it not that holy victim which shall reconcile me to my God? O my soul, this bread will become the Body of the Son of God, and this wine his Blood, and this most marvellous change will be wrought by one only word. There needed but one word to create this vast universe; that same word will this day work the greatest of all wonders, and will renew it even to the end of the world. Mary, Mother of God, and all ye blessed spirits who

surround the throne of the Most High, holy men and women, saints of God, come ye and witness this miracle of love, which is the pledge of my salvation.

O my soul, enter into thyself; believe that **Jesus Christ** is really present in the holy Eucharist. **Yes my God, this is thy Body, this is thy Blood:** thou **sayest it:** I am silent before thee, I believe, I adore.

From the Consecration to the Pater

O Jesus, victim of thy love for me, touch my soul. communicate to me at this moment all the ardent affections of the saints who have loved thee with the deepest tenderness, and all the burning adorations of the seraphim, whose blessed privilege it is always to behold thee. Kindle in my heart the devouring fire that consumes thine own, that, animated with thy spirit, I may live a life altogether new. O my Saviour, thou standest ever before thy Father, thou showest him the marks of thy wounds and the opening in thy heart, thou ever livest to make intercession for us. And dost thou not perform the same ministry upon this altar? Occupied wholly with my needs, thou layest them before thy Father, thou presentest thy heart to him, to appease his anger and obtain his grace for me. O divine Intercessor, I lay all my petitions at thy feet; vouchsafe to present them to thy Father. I pray for the conversion of sinners, the perseverance of the just, and the triumph of our holy religion. O Jesus, who didst die for all men, bring back to the fold of thy Church those who are separated from it. Enlighten all infidels and heretics, bless the efforts of those who labor to convert them. Have pity on the souls of the faithful departed; remit to them their debts, and grant them a place of refreshment, light, and peace. beseech thee particularly to have compassion on N . . .

At the Pater.

O my Father, if it be permitted a guilty child to call by so tender a name a God whom he hath so often offended, grant that I may ever labor for the glory of

thy holy name, that in all things I may do thy will, and sigh unceasingly for thy heavenly kingdom. Feed me with the bread of heaven, with which thou feedest the beloved children of thy Heart. Let the forgiveness which thou grantedst to thy murderers be my model in forgiving those who have injured me; give me superiors, both spiritual and temporal, that love thee, and friends that serve thee faithfully; and if ever I expose myself to sin, do thou deliver me from the danger, that I may never outrage thy Divine Heart.

At the Agnus Dei.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on me. Give me the peace which the world cannot give; peace with thee, by a true reconciliation and a perfect submission to thy will; peace with myself, by the subjection of my passions; peace with my neighbor, by the union of a sincere charity with all the children of men. Give peace to the world, by the extinction of wars and divisions.

At Communion.

(If you are intending to receive, say :)

Is there any love to be compared with thine, my Saviour! It was on the cross that thou offeredst thy sacrifice, and it is in my heart that thou desirest to consummate it. O my God, is it possible that thou choosest for thy sepulchre a heart so wretched! Alas, I am nothing but a sinner! Whence is it, Lord, that, for all my unworthiness, thou desirest me to sit down at thy table! Since thus it is, speak but the word, and my soul shall be healed; say to me, as thou saidst to the woman that was a sinner, "Thy sins are forgiven." Make me to hear the words which thou spakest to Zacheus, "Make haste; for this day I must abide in thy house."

(If you are not intending to communicate.)

O my most loving Saviour, since I cannot have the happiness of receiving thee this day, suffer me to gather

up the precious crumbs that fall from thy table, **and to** unite myself to thy Divine Heart by faith, hope, **and** charity. I confess I do not deserve the children's bread ; but I venture humbly to declare that, away from thee my soul is dried up with thirst, and my heart cast down with faintness. Come, then, into me, O my divine Jesus ! **come** into my mind, to illuminate it with thy light ; **come** into my heart, to enkindle in it the fire of thy love, **and** to unite it so intimately with thy own, that it may be no more I that live, but thou that livest in me, **and** reignest in me forever.

Whilst the Priest is reading the Communion.

Learn of me, for I am meek and humble of heart, **and** you shall find rest to your souls ; my yoke is sweet, **and** my burden light.

During the Post-Communion.

Lord, we have had the happiness of being admitted into the sanctuary of thy Divine Heart, give us **grace** that we may abide therein forever ; so that we **may** obtain the happiness which thou hast prepared for thy elect ; through thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

At the Priest's Benediction.

O Heart of Jesus, I will not depart till thou **hast** blessed me. Bless me in the name of the Father, **and** of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ; and let thy blessing descend upon all those for whom I ought to pray.

At the Last Gospel.

O Eternal Word, who wast made man that thou mightest make men the children of God, I thank thee for this unspeakable grace. How great is the blessing I enjoy, not only of bearing the name, but of being indeed the child of God. Grant, O my Jesus, that I may preserve this blessed title, by faithfully imitating thy Sacred Heart, and showing myself always filled with love for thy holy law. If I remain faithful, thou assur

est me that I shall be co-reir with thee, and shall enjoy the happiness which thou hast purchased for us with thy precious blood; and this I hope to obtain through thy infinite mercy.

After Mass.

How great will be my happiness, O Lord, &c. by assisting at this divine sacrifice, I have received all the graces which thou grantest to those who bring thereto a lively faith and a pure heart. Accept, I beseech thee, the reparation which I offer to thy divine majesty for all the sins of which I have been guilty before thy holy altar. I am going to occupy myself with those duties in the world to which thy providence hath called me. Grant that I may have ever before my mind thy patience in adversities, thy obedience to Joseph and Mary, and thy tender charity in bearing with all men. Strengthen me against all temptations; preserve me from all sin; make me firm and immovable in the faith; in fine, transform me into thyself, O Jesus, so that thy Heart and my heart may be united in one, both in time and in eternity. Amen.

The Collects and Gospels for the Sundays and Holydays throughout the Year.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

The Prayer.

Stir up thy might, we beseech thee, O Lord! and come: that, by thy protection, we may deserve to be delivered from the threatening dangers of our sins, and by thy deliverance be saved: who livest, &c.

The two following prayers are added until Christmas

O God! who didst please that thy Word should take flesh, at the message of an Angel, in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary: grant to thy suppliants, that we who believe her to be truly the mother of God, may be helped by her intercession.

For the Church.

We beseech thee, O Lord! in thy clemency admit the prayers of thy Church; that all errors and adversities being destroyed, she may serve thee with secure liberty: through our Lord, &c.

The Gospel. Luke **xxi.** 25-33.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars: and upon the earth distress of nations, by reason of the confusion of the roaring of the sea and of the waves, men withering away for fear, and expectation of what shall come upon the whole world. For the powers of the heavens shall be moved, and then they shall see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with great power and majesty. But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads: because your redemption is at hand. And he spoke to them a similitude: See the fig-tree and all the trees: when they now shoot forth their fruit, you know the summer is nigh: so likewise when you see these things come to pass, know that the kingdom of God is at hand. Amen, I say to you, this generation shall not pass away till all things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

The Prayer.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord! to prepare the ways of thy only-begotten Son. that by his coming we may be worthy to serve thee with purified minds: who livest, &c.

The Gospel. Matt. xi. 2-10.

At that time: When John had heard in prison the works of Christ, sending two of his disciples he said to him: Art thou he that art to come, or look we for another? And Jesus, making answer, said to them: Go and relate to John what you have heard and seen. The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead rise again, the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he that shall not be scandalized in me. And when they went their way, Jesus began to say to the multitude, concerning John: What went you out into the desert to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went you out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Behold, they that are clothed in soft garments are in the houses of kings. But what went you out to see? A prophet? Yea, I tell you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written. "Behold, I send my angel before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee."

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Prayer.

We beseech thee, O Lord! incline thine ear to our prayers; and enlighten the darkness of our mind, by the grace of thy visitation: who livest, &c.

The Gospel. John i. 19-28.

At that time: The Jews sent from Jerusalem Priests and Levites to John, to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed, and did not deny: and he confessed: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What then? Art thou Elias? And he said: I am not. Art thou a prophet? And he answered: No. They said therefore unto him: Who art thou, that we may give an answer to them that sent us? What sayest thou of thyself? He said "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord," as said the prophet Isaias. And they that were sent were of the

Pharisees, and they asked and said to him: Why then dost thou baptize, if thou be not Christ, nor Elias, nor the prophet? John answered them, saying: I baptize with water; but there hath stood one in the midst of you, whom you know not. The same is he that shall come after me, who is preferred before me; the latchet of whose shoe I am not worthy to loose. These things were done in Bethania beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

The Prayer.

Stir up thy might, we beseech thee, O Lord! and come: and succor us with great power; that by the help of thy grace, the indulgence of thy mercy may accelerate what our sins impede: who livest, &c.

The Gospel. Luke iii. 1-6.

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Cæsar (Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod Tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother Tetrarch of Iturea, and the country of Trachonitis, and Lysanias Tetrarch of Abilina under the High Priests Annas and Caiaphas) the word of the Lord came to John the son of Zachary in the desert. And he came into all the country about the Jordan, preaching the baptism of penance for the remission of sins, as it was written in the book of the words of Isaias the prophet: "A voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord: make straight his paths, every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low: and the crooked shall be made straight: and the rough ways plain:" and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

CHRISTMAS DAY

The Prayer.

Grant us, we beseech thee, O Almighty God! that we who are filled with the new light of thy incarnate Word

may show forth in our works what Faith displays in our minds: through the same, &c.

The Gospel. Luke ii. 15-20

At that time: The shepherds said one to another: Let us go over to Bethlehem, and let us see this word that is come to pass which the Lord has showed to us. And they came with haste; and they found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in a manger. And seeing, they understood of the word that had been spoken to them concerning this child. And all that heard wondered: and at those things that were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these words, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God, for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS DAY.

The Prayer.

O Almighty and Eternal God! direct our actions so as to be pleasing to thee: that in the name of thy beloved Son, we may deserve to abound in good works: who livest, &c.

The Gospel. Luke ii. 38-40.

At that time: Joseph, and Mary the mother of Jesus, were wondering at those things which were spoken concerning him. And Simon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother: Behold, this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted. And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed. And there was one Anna a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asar; she was far advanced in years, and had lived with her husband seven years from her virginity. And she was a widow until fourscore and four years: who departed not from the temple, by fastings and prayers serving day and night. Now she at the same hour coming in, confessed to the

Lord; and spoke of Him to all that looked for the redemption of Israel. And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their city, Nazareth. And the child grew and waxed strong, full of wisdom and the grace of God was in him.

THE CIRCUMCISION.

The Prayer.

O God! who by the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary, hast bestowed on mankind the rewards of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech thee, that we may experience her intercession for us, by whom we have been found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, &c:

The Gospel. Luke ii. 21.

At that time: After eight days were accomplished that the child should be circumcised: his name was called JESUS, which was called by the Angel, before he was conceived in the womb.

THE EPIPHANY.

The Prayer.

O God! who didst this day reveal thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles by the guidance of a star: grant in thy mercy, that we who already know thee by Faith, may be brought to contemplate the beauty of thy Majesty: through the same, &c.

The Gospel. Matt. ii. 1-12.

When Jesus, therefore, was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of king Herod, behold, there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem. Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and are come to adore him. And king Herod hearing this, was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And assembling together all the chief priests and Scribes of the people, he inquired of them where

Christ should be born. But they said to him In Bethlehem of Juda. For so it is written by the prophet: "And thou Bethlehem, the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come forth the captain that shall rule my people Israel." Then Herod, privately calling the wise men, learned diligently of them the time of the star which appeared to them, and sending them into Bethlehem, said: Go and diligently inquire after the child, and when you have found him, bring me word again, that I also may come and adore him. Who having heard the king, went their way: and behold, the star which they had seen in the East, went before them, until it came and stood over where the child was. And seeing the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And entering into the house, they found the child with Mary his mother, and falling down, they adored him; and opening their treasures, they offered him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having received an answer in sleep that they should not return to Herod, they went back another way into their country.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

The Prayer.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord! in thy heavenly mercy, the prayers of thy suppliant people: that they may both see what they ought to do, and may be enabled to do what they see: through our Lord, &c.

The Gospel. Luke ii. 42-52.

When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. And having fulfilled the days, when they returned, the child Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and his parents knew it not. And thinking that he was in the company, they came a day's journey, and sought him among their kinsfolks and acquaintance. And not finding him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple

sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his wisdom and his answers. And seeing him, they wondered. And his mother said to him : Son, why hast thou done so to us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said to them. How is it that you sought me? did you not know that I must be about my Father's business? and they understood not the words that he spoke unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth: and was subject to them. And his mother kept all these words in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace with God and men.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The Prayer.

O Almighty and Eternal God! who governest all things in heaven and on earth: mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant thy peace in our days: through, &c.

The Gospel. St. John ii. 1-11.

At that time: There was a marriage in Cana of Galilee: and the mother of Jesus was there. And Jesus also was invited, and his disciples, to the marriage. And the wine failing, the mother of Jesus saith to him: They have no wine. And Jesus saith to her: Woman, what is it to me and thee? my hour is not yet come. His mother saith to the waiters. Whatsoever he shall say to you, do ye. Now there were set there six water-pots of stone, according to the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three measures a-piece. Jesus saith to them: Fill the water-pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And Jesus saith to them: Draw out now and carry to the chief steward of the feast. And they carried it. And when the chief steward had tasted the water made wine, and knew not whence it was, but the waiters knew who had drawn the water; the chief steward calleth the bridegroom, and

saith to him: Every man at first setteth forth good wine, and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse. But thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

The Prayer

O Almighty and Eternal God! mercifully look upon our infirmity; and extend the right hand of thy Majesty for our protection: through, &c.

The second Prayer is that of the Circumcision, p. 384: the third is, the third Prayer of the first Sunday of Advent, p. 389, or, for the Pope, as follows:

O God! the Pastor and Ruler of all the faithful, mercifully regard thy servant [A B] whom thou hast been pleased should preside as Pastor of thy Church: grant him, we beseech thee, to benefit, by word and example, those over whom he presides; that he may arrive, together with the flock intrusted to him, at eternal life through our Lord, &c.

The Gospel. Matt. viii. 1-18.

At that time: When Jesus was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him; and behold a leper came and adored him, saying: Lord! if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, stretching forth his hand, touched him, saying: I will, be thou made clean. And forthwith his leprosy was cleansed. And he said to him: See thou tell no man; but go show thyself to the priest, and offer the gift which Moses commanded for a testimony unto them. And when he had entered into Capharnaum, there came to him a centurion, beseeching him, and saying, Lord! my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, and is grievously tormented. And Jesus saith to him: I will come and heal him. And the centurion, making answer, said: Lord! I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof: but only say the word, and my servant shall be healed. For

I also am a man subject to authority, having under me soldiers; and I say to this, Go, and he goeth, and to another, Come, and he cometh, and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. And Jesus, hearing this, marvelled and said to them that followed him: Amen I say to you I have not found so great faith in Israel. And I say to you that many shall come from the east and the west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven: but the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into the exterior darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said to the centurion: Go, and as thou hast believed, so be it done to thee. And the servant was healed at the same hour.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

The Prayer.

O God! who knowest that amidst so many dangers we cannot subsist, through human frailty: grant us safety of mind and body, that we may surmount those things, by thy grace, which we suffer for our sins: through our Lord, &c.

The other two prayers as on last Sunday.

The Gospel. Matt. viii. 23-27.

At that time: When Jesus entered into a boat his disciples followed him; and behold a great tempest arose in the sea, so that the ship was covered with waves, but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awakened him, saying: Lord! save us, we perish. And Jesus saith unto them: Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then rising up, he commanded the winds and the sea, and there came a great calm. But the men wondered, saying. What manner of man is this, for the winds and the sea obey him.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

The Prayer.

Preserve, we beseech thee, O Lord! thy family, by

continued mercy: that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, it may be always defended by thy protection: through our Lord &c.

Second Prayer.

Defend us, we beseech thee, O Lord! from all dangers of mind and body: and by the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary ever Virgin, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, and thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and blessed N., and all the Saints, mercifully grant us safety and peace, that all adversities and errors being destroyed, thy Church may serve thee with secure liberty

The third prayer is at the choice of each person

The Gospel. Matt. xiii. 24-30.

At that time: Jesus spoke this parable to the multitude, saying: The kingdom of heaven is likened to a man that sowed good seed in his field. But while men were asleep, his enemy came and oversowed cockle among the wheat, and went his way. And when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared also the cockle. Then the servant of the good man of the house came and said to him: Sir, didst thou not sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it cockle? And he said to them: An enemy hath done this. And the servants said to him: Wilt thou that we go and gather it up? And he said: No, lest while you gather up the cockle, you root up the wheat also together with it. Let both grow until the harvest, and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers: Gather up first the cockle, and bind it in bundles to burn, but gather the wheat into my barn.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

The Prayer.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God! that ever fixing our thoughts on reasonable times, we may per

form, both in words and works, the things that are pleasing to Thee: through, &c.

Second and third prayer as on last Sunday.

The Gospel Matt. xiii. 31-35.

At that time: Jesus spoke to the multitude this parable: The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown up it is greater than all herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and dwell in the branches thereof. Another parable he spoke to them: the kingdom of heaven is like to leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, until the whole was leavened. All these things Jesus spoke in parables to the multitudes; and without parables he did not speak to them: that the word might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world."

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

The Prayer.

Graciously hear the prayers of thy people, we beseech thee, O Lord! that we who are justly afflicted for our sins, may be mercifully delivered, for the glory of thy name: through our Lord, &c.

The second and third prayer as on the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, p. 388.

The Gospel. Matt. xx. 1-16.

At that time: Jesus spoke to his disciples this parable: The kingdom of heaven is like to a householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard. And having agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour, he saw others standing in the market-place idle. And he said to them: Go you also into my vineyard, and I will give you what shall be

just. And they went their way. And again he went out at the sixth and the ninth hour, and did in like manner. But about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing, and he saith to them: Why stand you here all the day idle? They say to him: Because no man hath hired us. He saith to them: Go you also into my vineyard. And when evening was come, the Lord of the vineyard said to his steward: Call the laborers and pay them their hire, beginning from the last even to the first. When therefore they were come that came about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first also came, they thought that they should have received more: and they also received every man a penny. And receiving it, they murmured against the master of the house, saying: These last have worked but one hour, and thou hast made them equal to us that have borne the burden of the day, and the heats. But he answering said to one of them: Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take what is thine, and go thy way. I will also give to this last even as to thee. Or, is it not lawful for me to do what I will? is thy eye evil, because I am good? So shall the last be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY.

The Prayer

O God! who seest that we confide in no action of our own: grant in thy mercy, that we may be defended from all evils by the protection of the Doctor of the Gentiles: through our Lord, &c.

The other Prayers are the same as on the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany p. 388.

The Gospel. Luke viii. 4-15.

At that time: When a very great multitude was gathered together and hastened out of the cities to meet Jesus, he spoke by a similitude. A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed some fell by the way.

side, and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And other some fell upon a rock : and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away because it had no moisture. And other some fell among thorns, and the thorns growing up with it, choked it. And other some fell upon good ground ; and sprung up, and yielded fruit a hundred-fold. Saying these things, he cried out : He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And his disciples asked him what this parable might be. To whom he said : To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God : but to the rest in parables ; that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this : The seed is the word of God. And they by the way-side, are they that near ; then the devil cometh, and taketh the word out of their hearts, lest believing they should be saved. Now they upon a rock, are they who when they hear, receive the word with joy : and these have no roots ; for they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns, are they who have heard, and going their way, are choked with the cares and the riches and pleasures of this life, and yield no fruit. But that on the good ground, are they who in a good and perfect heart, hearing the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit in patience.

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

The Prayer.

Mercifully hear our prayers, O Lord ! we beseech thee ; and absolving us from the bonds of sin, preserve us from all adversity : through our Lord, Jesus Christ thy Son, who with thee, &c.

The other Prayers are the same as on the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany p. 388.

The Gospel. Luke xviii. 31-43.

At that time : Jesus took unto him the twelve, and said to them : Behold we go up to Jerusalem, and all things shall be accomplished which were written by the proph

as concerning the Son of Man. For he shall be delivered to the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and scourged, and spit upon: and after they have scourged him, they will put him to death, and the third day he shall rise again. And they understood none of these things, and this word was hid from them, and they understood not the things that were said. Now it came to pass, that when he drew nigh to Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way-side, begging. And when he heard the multitude passing by, he asked what this meant. And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me. And they that went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace. But he cried out much more: Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus standing, commanded him to be brought unto him. And when he was come near, he asked him, saying: What wilt thou that I do to thee? But he said: Lord, that I may see. And Jesus said to him: Receive thy sight; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he saw, and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people when they saw it, gave praise to God.

ASH-WEDNESDAY.

The Prayer.

Grant to thy faithful, O Lord! that they may begin the venerable solemnities of fasting with becoming piety, and perform them with secure devotion through our Lord, &c

From this day till Passion Sunday, two other prayers are said viz., "Defend us," &c., as on the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, (p. 389,) and the following.

O Almighty and Eternal God! who hast dominion over the living and the dead, and art merciful to all whom thou foreknowest shall be thine by faith and good works: we humbly beseech thee, that they for whom we have purposed to pour forth prayers, and whom either the present world still detains in the flesh, or the future has received already out of the body, may by the inter-

cession of all thy Saints, and the clemency of thy mercy obtain the pardon of all their sins: through our Lord, &c.

The Gospel. Matt. vi. 16-21.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: When you fast be not as the hypocrites, sad. For they disfigure their faces, that they may appear to man to fast. Amen I say to you, they have received their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head, and wash thy face: that thou appear not to men to fast, but to thy Father, who is in secret: and thy Father, who seeth in secret, will reward thee. Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth: where the rust and moth consume, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven: where neither rust nor moth doth consume, and where thieves do not break through, nor steal. For where thy treasure is, there is thy heart also.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT.

The Prayer.

O God! who dost purify thy Church by the annual observance of Lent; grant to thy servants, that what they endeavor to obtain of thee by abstinence, they may pursue by good works: through, &c.

The other prayers as on Ash-Wednesday, p. 393.

The Gospel. Matt. iv. 1-11.

At that time: Jesus was led by the spirit into the desert, to be tempted by the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterwards hungry. And the tempter coming, said to him: If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. Who answered and said: It is written, "Not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Then the devil took him into the holy city, and set him upon a pinnacle of the temple, and said to him: If thou be the Son of God,

cast thyself down, for it is written, "He hath given his Angels charge over thee, and in their hands shall they bear thee up, lest perhaps thou dash thy foot against a stone." Jesus said to him: It is written, again: "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." Again he devil took him up into a very high mountain: and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them. And said to him: All these will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and adore me. Then Jesus said to him: Begone, Satan: for it is written, "The Lord thy God shalt thou adore, and him only shalt thou serve." Then the devil left him, and behold Angels came and ministered to him.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT.

The Prayer.

O God! who beholdest us destitute of every virtue, preserve us interiorly and exteriorly, that we may be defended from all adversities of body, and be purified from all evil thoughts in mind: through, &c.

The other prayers as on Ash-Wednesday, p. 393.

The Gospel. Matt. xvii. 1-9.

At that time: Jesus taketh unto him Peter and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart: and he was transfigured before them. And his face did shine as the sun; and his garments became white as snow. And behold there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with him. Then Peter answering, said to Jesus: Lord! it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. And as he was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them. And lo! a voice out of the cloud, saying: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye him. And the disciples hearing, fell upon their face, and were very much afraid. And Jesus came and touched them: and said to them: Arise, and be not afraid. And when they lifted up their eyes they

saw no one, but only Jesus. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying Tell the vision to no man, till the Son of Man shall be risen from the dead.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT.

The Prayer.

We beseech thee, O Almighty God! regard the prayers of thy humble servants: and stretch forth in our defence the right hand of thy Majesty. Through, &c.

The other prayers as on Ash-Wednesday, p. 393.

The Gospel. Luke xi. 14-28.

At that time: Jesus was casting out a devil, and the same was dumb; and when he had cast out the devil, the dumb spoke; and the multitude were in admiration at it: but some of them said: He casteth out devils by Beelzebub, the prince of devils. And others tempting, asked of him a sign from heaven. But he, seeing their thoughts, said to them: Every kingdom divided against itself shall be brought to desolation, and house upon house shall fall. And if Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because you say, that through Beelzebub I cast out devils. Now if I cast out devils by Beelzebub: by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I, by the finger of God, cast out devils: doubtless the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his court: these things are in peace which he possesseth. But if a stronger than he come upon him and overcome him, he will take away all his armor wherein he trusted, and will distribute his spoils. He that is not with me, is against me: and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through places without water, seeking rest: and not finding, he saith: I will return into my house whence I came out. And when he is come, he findeth

it swept and garnished. Then he goeth and taketh with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and entering in, they dwell there. And the last state of that man becometh worse than the first. And it came to pass: as he spoke these things, a certain woman from the crowd lifting up her voice said to him: Blessed is the womb that bore thee, and the breasts that gave thee suck. But he said: Yea rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God, and keep it.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

The Prayer.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God! that we who are afflicted for our deeds, as we deserve, may be relieved by the comfort of thy grace: through, &c.

The other prayers as on Ash-Wednesday, p. 393

The Gospel. John vi. 1-15.

At that time: Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is that of Tiberias; and a great multitude followed him, because they saw the miracles which he did on them that were diseased. Jesus therefore went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. Now the pasch, the festival day of the Jews, was near at hand. When Jesus therefore had lifted up his eyes, and seen that a very great multitude cometh to him, he said to Philip: Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to try him, for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him: Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, saith to him: There is a boy here that hath five barley-loaves, and two fishes: but what are they among so many? Then Jesus said: Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. The men therefore sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves: and when he had given thanks, he distributed to them that

were sat down. In like manner also of the fishes, as much as they would: and when they were filed, he said to his disciples: Gather up the fragments that remain, lest they be lost. They gathered up therefore, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley-loaves, which remained over and above to them that had eaten. Now these men, when they had seen what a miracle Jesus had done, said: This is of a truth the prophet that is to come into the world. Jesus therefore, when he knew that they would come to take him by force, and make him king, fled again into the mountain himself alone.

PASSION SUNDAY.

The Prayer.

We beseech thee, O Almighty God! mercifully look upon thy family: that by thy bounty, it may be governed in body, and, by thy preservation, be kept in mind through, &c.

Prayer for the Church. p. 380, & for the Pope, p. 387.

The Gospel. John viii. 46-59.

At that time: Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews. Which of you shall convince me of sin? If I say the truth to you, why do you not believe me? He that is of God, heareth the words of God. Therefore you hear them not, because you are not of God. The Jews therefore answered and said to him: Do not we say well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered: I have not a devil; but I honor my Father, and you have dishonored me. But I seek not my own glory there is one that seeketh and judgeth. Amen, Amen, I say to you: If any man keep my word, he shall not see death forever. The Jews therefore said: Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest: If any man keep my word, he shall not taste death forever. Art thou greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Wilt thou make thyself? Jesus an-

swered: If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father that glorifieth me, of whom you say that he is your God; and you have not known him, but I know him. And if I should say, that I know him not, I should be like to you, a liar. But I do know him, and do keep his word. Abraham your father rejoiced that he might see my day: he saw it and was glad. The Jews then said to him. Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said to them: Amen, Amen, I say to you, before Abraham was made, I am. They took up stones therefore to cast at him. But Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple.

PALM SUNDAY.

The Prayer.

O Almighty and Eternal God! who wouldst have our Saviour take flesh, and undergo the Cross, for man to imitate the example of his humility, grant, we beseech thee, that we may both deserve the instruction of his patience, and the fellowship of his Resurrection: through the same, &c.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matt. xxvi. and xxvii. 1-66.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: You know that after two days shall be the pasch, and the Son of Man shall be delivered up to be crucified. Then were gathered together the chief priests and ancients of the people into the court of the high-priest, who was called Caiaphas: and they consulted together, that by subtlety they might apprehend Jesus, and put him to death. But they said: Not on the festival day, lest perhaps there should be a tumult amongst the people. And when Jesus was in Bethania, in the house of Simon the leper, there came to him a woman having an alabaster-box of precious ointment, and poured it on his head as he was at table. And the disciples seeing it, had indignation, saying: To what purpose is this waste? For this might have been sold for much, and given to the poor. And

Jesus knowing it, said to them: Why do you trouble this woman? For she has wrought a good work upon me. For the poor you have always with you, but me you have not always. For she, in pouring this ointment upon my body, hath done it for my burial. Amen, I say to you, wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, that also which she hath done, shall be told for a memory of her. Then went one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, to the chief priests, and said to them: What will you give me, and I will deliver him unto you? But they appointed him thirty pieces of silver. And from thenceforth he sought an opportunity to betray him. And on the first day of the Azymes the disciples came to Jesus, saying: Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the pasch? But Jesus said: Go ye into the city to a certain man, and say to him: The Master saith my time is near at hand, I will keep the pasch at thy house with my disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus appointed to them, and they prepared the pasch. Now when it was evening, he sat down with his twelve disciples. And whilst they were eating, he said: Amen, I say to you, that one of you is about to betray me. And they being very much troubled, began every one to say: Is it I, Lord? But he answering said: He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, he shall betray me. The Son of Man indeed goeth, as it is written of him; but woe to that man, by whom the Son of Man shall be betrayed. It were better for him, if that man had not been born. And Judas, that betrayed him, answering said: Is it I, Rabbi? He saith to him: Thou hast said it. And whilst they were at supper, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke; and gave to his disciples, and said: Take ye and eat: this is my body. And taking the chalice, he gave thanks; and gave to them, saying: Drink ye all of this. For this is my blood of the New Testament which shall be shed for many for the remission of sins. And I say to you, I will not drink from henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I shall drink it new with

you in the kingdom of my Father. And a hymn being said, they went out into Mount Olivet. Then Jesus said to them: All you shall be scandalized in me this night. For it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be dispersed." But after I shall be risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. And Peter answering, said to him: Although all shall be scandalized in thee, I will never be scandalized. Jesus said to him: Amen, I say to thee, that in this night, before the cock crow, thou wilt deny me thrice. Peter saith to him: Yea, though I should die with thee, I will not deny thee. And in like manner said all the disciples. Then Jesus came with them into a country place, which is called Gethsemani; and he said to his disciples: Sit you here, till I go yonder, and pray. And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to grow sorrowful and to be sad. Then he saith to them: My soul is sorrowful even unto death: Stay you here and watch with me. And going a little further he fell upon his face, praying, and saying: My Father, if it be possible, let this chalice pass from me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt. And he cometh to his disciples, and findeth them asleep, and he saith to Peter. What? Could you not watch one hour with me? Watch ye, and pray that ye enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Again the second time he went, and prayed, saying: My Father, if this chalice may not pass away, but I must drink it, thy will be done. And he cometh again, and findeth them sleeping: for their eyes were heavy. And leaving them, he went again; and he prayed the third time, saying the self-same words. Then he cometh to his disciples, and saith to them: Sleep ye now, and take your rest: behold the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man shall be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go: behold, he is at hand that will betray me. As he yet spoke, behold Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude, with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the ancients of the people.

And he that had betrayed him, gave them a sign, saying Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is he, hold him fast. And forthwith coming to Jesus, he said: Hail, Rabbi. And he kissed him. And Jesus said to him: Friend, whereto art thou come? Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus, and held him. And behold one of them that were with Jesus, stretching forth his hand, drew out his sword; and striking the servant of the high-priest, cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him: Put up again thy sword into its place; for all that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot ask my Father, and he will give me presently more than twelve legions of angels? How then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that so it must be done? In that same hour Jesus said to the multitude: You are come out as it were to a robber, with swords and clubs, to apprehend me. I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and you laid not hands on me. Now all this was done, that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then the disciples all leaving him, fled. But they, holding Jesus, led him to Caiaphas the high-priest, where the scribes and the ancients were assembled. And Peter followed him afar off, even to the court of the high-priest; and going in, he sat with the servants, that he might see the end. And the chief priests and the whole council sought false witness against Jesus, that they might put him to death; and they found not, whereas many false witnesses had come in. And last of all, there came two false witnesses; and they said: This man said: I am able to destroy the temple of God, and after three days to rebuild it. And the high-priest rising up, said to him: Answerest thou nothing to the things which these witness against thee? But Jesus held his peace. And the high-priest said to him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us if thou be the Christ the Son of God. Jesus saith to him: Thou hast said it. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you shall see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of the power of God, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the

high-priest rent his garments, saying: He hath blasphemed, what further need have we of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard the blasphemy: what think you? But they answering said: He is guilty of death. Then did they spit in his face, and buffet him, and others struck his face with the palms of their hands, saying: Prophecy unto us, O Christ; who is he that struck thee? But Peter sat without in the court; and there came to him a servant-maid, saying: Thou also wast with Jesus the Galilean. But he denied before them all, saying: I know not what thou sayest. And as he went out of the gate, another maid saw him, and she saith to them that were there: This man also was with Jesus of Nazareth. And again he denied with an oath: That I know not the man. And after a little while they came that stood by, and said to Peter: Surely thou also art one of them, for even thy speech doth discover thee. Then he began to curse and swear that he knew not the man. And immediately the cock crew. And Peter remembered the words of Jesus which he had said: Before the cock crow, thou wilt deny me thrice. And going forth, he wept bitterly. And when morning was come, all the chief priests and ancients of the people took counsel against Jesus, that they might put him to death. And they brought him bound, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate, the governor. Then Judas, who betrayed him, seeing that he was condemned, repenting himself, brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and ancients, saying: I have sinned, in betraying innocent blood. But they said: What is that to us? Look thou to it. And casting down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed, and went and hanged himself with a halter. But the chief priests having taken the pieces of silver, said: It is not lawful to put them into the corbana, because it is the price of blood. And after they had consulted together, they bought with them the potter's field, to be a burying-place for strangers. For this cause that field was called Hæeldama, that is, the field of blood even to this day. Then was fulfilled

that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying
 "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of
 him that was prized, whom they prized of the children
 of Israel. And they gave them unto the potter's field,
 as the Lord appointed to me." And Jesus stood before
 the governor, and the governor asked him, saying: Art
 thou the king of the Jews? Jesus saith to him: Thou
 sayest it. And when he was accused by the chief priests
 and ancients, he answered nothing. Then Pilate saith
 to him: Dost thou not hear how great testimonies they
 allege against thee? And he answered him to never a
 word: so that the governor wondered exceedingly. Now
 upon the solemn day the governor was accustomed to
 release to the people one prisoner, whom they would.
 And he had then a notorious prisoner, that was called
 Barabbas. They therefore being gathered together,
 Pilate said: Whom will you that I release to you, Barab-
 bas, or Jesus that is called Christ? For he knew that
 for envy they had delivered him. And as he was sitting
 in the place of Judgment, his wife sent to him, saying:
 Have thou nothing to do with that just man. For I have
 suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.
 But the chief priests and ancients persuaded the people,
 that they should ask Barabbas, and make Jesus away.
 And the governor answering, said to them: Whether
 will you of the two to be released unto you? But
 they said, Barabbas. Pilate saith to them: What
 shall I do then with Jesus that is called Christ? They
 say all: Let him be crucified. The governor said to
 them: Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried
 out the more, saying: Let him be crucified. And
 Pilate seeing that he prevailed nothing, but that rather
 a tumult was made; taking water, he washed his hands
 before the people, saying: I am innocent of the blood
 of this just man: look you to it. And the whole peo-
 ple, answering, said: His blood be upon us, and upon
 our children. Then he released to them Barabbas: and
 having scourged Jesus, delivered him unto them to be
 crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor, taking

Jesus into the hall, gathered together unto him the whole band: and stripping him, they put a scarlet cloak about him. And plaiting a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand. And bowing the knee before him, they mocked him saying: Hail, king of the Jews! And spitting upon him, they took the reed, and struck his head. And after they had mocked him, they took off the cloak from him, and put on his own garments, and led him away to crucify him. And going out, they met a man of Cyrene, named Simon: him they forced to take up the cross. And they came to the place that is called Golgotha, which is the place of Calvary. And they gave him wine to drink, mingled with gall. And when he had tasted, he would not drink. And after they had crucified him, they divided his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "They divided my garments among them; and upon my vesture they cast lots:" and they sat and watched him. And they put over his head his cause written: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then were crucified with him two thieves: one on the right hand, and one on the left. And they that passed by, blasphemed him, wagging their heads, and saying: Vah! thou that destroyest the temple of God, and in three days dost rebuild it, save thy own self: if thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. In like manner also the chief priests, with the scribes and ancients, mocking, said: He saved others; himself he cannot save: if he be the king of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God: let him now deliver him, if he will have him: for he said: I am the Son of God. And the self-same thing the thieves also that were crucified with him, reproached him with. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over the whole earth, until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying: Eli, Eli, lamma sabachthani? that is, "My God my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" And some that

stood there and heard, said: This man calleth Elias. And immediately one of them, running, took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. And the others said: Let us see whether Elias will come and deliver him. And Jesus, again crying with a loud voice, **YIELDED UP THE GHOST.** And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top even to the bottom, and the earth quaked, and the rocks were rent. And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints that had slept arose; and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection, came into the holy city, and appeared to many. Now the centurion, and they that were with him watching Jesus, having seen the earthquake and the things that were done, were sore afraid, saying: Indeed this was the Son of God. And there were there many women afar off who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: among whom was Mary Magdalen, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. And when it was evening, there came a certain rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded that the body should be delivered. And Joseph, taking the body, wrapped it up in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new monument, which he had hewn out of a rock. And he rolled a great stone to the door of the monument, and went his way. And there was there Mary Magdalen, and the other Mary sitting over against the sepulchre.

[Here the Priest goes to the middle of the altar and says, "Cleanse my heart," &c. Having said which, he resumes the Gospel as follows.]

And the next day, which followed the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees came together to Pilate, saying: Sir, we have remembered, that that seducer said, while he was yet alive: After three days I will rise again. Command therefore the sepulchre to

* Here all kneel, and meditate for a short time on the death of our adorable Saviour

be guarded until the third day: lest perhaps his disciples come and steal him away, and say to the people He is risen from the dead: and the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said to them: You have a guard, go, guard it as you know. And they departing, made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting guards.

EASTER SUNDAY.

The Prayer.

O God! who this day didst open to us the approach to eternity by thy only Son, victorious over death: prosper our vows by thy grace, which thou dost anticipate by thy inspiration: through the same, &c.

The Gospel. Mark xvi. 1-7.

At that time: Mary Magdalen, and Mary the mother of James and Salome, brought sweet spices, that coming they might anoint Jesus. And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came to the sepulchre, the sun being now risen. And they said one to another: Who shall roll us back the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And looking, they saw the stone rolled back: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed with a white robe; and they were astonished. Who saith to them: Be not affrighted: you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he is risen, he is not here; behold the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, that he goeth before you to Galilee: there you shall see him, as he told you.

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, COMMONLY CALLED ASCENSION SUNDAY.*

The Prayer.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God! that we who have performed the paschal solemnities, may by

* That is, *Last Sunday*; it being the last at that season, on which ~~services~~ are forbidden to be solemnised.

thy bounty preserve them in our life :nd conduct through, &c.

The Gospel. John xx. 19-31.

At that time : When it was late that same day, being the first day of the week, and the doors were shut, where the disciples were gathered together for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, Peace be to you. And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples therefore were glad when they saw the Lord. He said therefore to them again: Peace be to you. As the Father hath sent me, I also send you. When he had said this, he breathed on them; and he said to them: Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose sins ye shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained. Now Thomas, one of the twelve, who is called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him: We have seen the Lord. But he said to them: Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hands into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days, again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them. Jesus cometh, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said: Peace be to you. Then he said to Thomas: Put in thy finger hither, and see my hands, and bring hither thy hand, and put it into my side, and be not faithless, but believing. Thomas answered, and said to him: My Lord and my God! Jesus saith to him: Because thou hast seen me, Thomas, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed. Many other signs also did Jesus in the sight of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God: and that believing, you may have life in his name.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

The Prayer.

O God! who, by the humility of thy Son, hast raised up a fallen world, grant to thy faithful everlasting joy; that those whom thou hast delivered from the evils of eternal death, thou mayest make to enjoy everlasting happiness: through the same, &c.

The following prayer, with that for the Church, p. 380, or for the Pope p. 387, is added on the Sundays after Easter.

Grant, O Lord God! we beseech thee, that we thy servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body, and that by the glorious intercession of the ever blessed Virgin Mary, we may be delivered from present sorrows, and possess everlasting joy: through, &c.

The Gospel. John x. 11-16.

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees: I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep. But the hireling, and he that is not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fieth, and the wolf catcheth, and scattereth the sheep: and the hireling fieth because he is a hireling, and he hath no care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know mine, and mine know me. As the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And other sheep I have, that are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

The Prayer.

O God! who dost show to those that go astray the light of thy truth, that they may return to the way of justice: grant to all who are numbered in the profession of Christianity, to reject those things which are inimical to this name, and to pursue those which are becoming: through, &c.

The Gospel. John xvi. 16-22.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: A little while, and now you shall not see me; and again a little while, and you shall see me: because I go to the Father. Then some of his disciples said one to another: What is this that he saith to us: A little while, and you shall not see me; and again a little while, and you shall see me: and because I go to the Father? They said therefore, What is this that he saith: A little while: we know not what he speaketh. And Jesus knew that they had a mind to ask him; and he said to them: Of this do you inquire among yourselves, because I said: A little while and you shall not see me; and again a little while, and you shall see me? Amen, amen, I say to you, that you shall lament and weep, but the world shall rejoice: and you shall be made sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in labor, hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but when she hath brought forth the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. So also you now indeed have sorrow, but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice; and your joy no man shall take from you.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

The Prayer.

O God! who makest the minds of the faithful to be of one will, grant to thy people to love what thou commandest, to desire what thou promisest; that among the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true joys reside: through, &c.

The Gospel. John xvi. 5-14.

A. that time: Jesus said to his disciples: I go to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me: Whither goest thou? But because I have spoken these things to you, sorrow hath filled your heart. But I tell you the truth; it is expedient to you that I go: for if I go not, the Paraclete will not come to you; but if I go, I

will send him to you. And when he is come, he will convince the world of sin, and of justice, and of judgment. Of sin: because they believed not in me. And of justice: because I go to the Father; and you shall see me no longer. And of judgment: because the prince of this world is already judged. I have yet many things to say to you; but you cannot bear them now. But when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will teach you all truth. For he shall not speak of himself; but what things soever he shall hear, he shall speak: and the things that are to come, he shall show you. He shall glorify me; because he shall receive of mine, and shall show it you.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

The Prayer.

O God! from whom all good things proceed, grant to thy supplicants that by thy inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by thy direction perform them: through, &c.

The Gospel. John xvi. 23-30.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: Amen, amen, I say to you: If you ask the Father any thing in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto you have not asked any thing in my name. Ask, and you shall receive; that your joy may be full. These things I have spoken to you in proverbs. The hour cometh when I will no more speak to you in proverbs, but will show you plainly of the Father. In that day you shall ask in my name: and I say not to you, that I will ask the Father for you. For the Father himself loveth you, because you have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciples say to him: Behold, now thou speakest plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now we know that thou knowest all things, and thou needest not that any

man should ask thee. By this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

ASCENSION DAY.

The Prayer.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God! that we who believe the only-begotten Son, our Redeemer, ascended this day into heaven, may ourselves also in mind dwell in heavenly things: through, &c.

The Gospel. Mark xvi. 14–20.

At that time: Jesus appeared to the eleven as they were at table: and he upbraided them with their incredulity and hardness of heart, because they did not believe them who had seen him after he was risen again. And he said to them: Go ye into the whole world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved: but he that believeth not, shall be condemned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they shall drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them: they shall lay their hands upon the sick, and they shall recover. And the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God. But they going, preached everywhere; the Lord working withal, and confirming the word with signs that followed.

SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION.

The Prayer.

O Almighty and Everlasting God! grant us ever to entertain a devout affection towards thee, and to serve thy Majesty with a sincere heart: through, &c.

Second Prayer of the Ascension, p. 412.

The Gospel. John xv. 26; xvi. 1–4.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: When the Paraclete cometh, whom I will send you from the Fa-

mer, the Spirit of Truth, who proceedeth from the Father, he shall give testimony of me; and you shall give testimony, because you are with me from the beginning. These things have I spoken to you, that you may not be scandalized. They will put you out of the synagogues: yea, the hour cometh, that whosoever killeth you, will think that he doth a service to God. And these things will they do to you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things I have told you; that, when the hour shall come, you may remember that I told you of them.

FEAST OF PENTECOST, COMMONLY CALLED WHITSUNDAY.*

The Prayer.

O God! who on this day didst instruct the hearts of the Faithful by the light of the Holy Ghost; grant that we may be truly wise in the same Spirit, and ever rejoice in his consolation through our Lord, &c., in the unity of the same, &c.

The Gospel John xiv. 23-31.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: If any one love me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and will make our abode with him: he that loveth me not, keepeth not my words. And the word which you have heard, is not mine: but the Father's who sent me. These things have I spoken to you, abiding with you. But the Paraclete, the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring all things to your mind, whatsoever I shall have said to you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you: not as the world giveth, do I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. You have heard that I have said to you: I go away and I come again to you. If you loved

* Pentecost in Greek signifies *fifty*, this Sunday being fifty days after the Resurrection. It is also called Whitsunday, or White Sunday, from the Catechumens, who were clothed *in white*, and admitted on the eve of this Feast, to the Sacrament of Baptism.

with ut whom nothing is valid, nothing is holy, multiply thy mercy upon us, that under thy rule and guidance we may so pass through temporal goods as not to forfeit those that are eternal: through, &c.

The prayer Defend, p. 389, and a third one, *ad lib.*, are added to the Sundays after Pentecost.

The Gospel. Luke xv. 1-10.

At that time: The publicans and sinners drew near unto him to hear him. And the Pharisees and Scribes murmured, saying: This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them. And he spoke to them this parable saying: What man of you that hath a hundred sheep, and if he shall lose one of them, doth he not leave the ninety-nine in the desert, and go after that which was lost until he find it; and when he hath found it, lay it upon his shoulders rejoicing, and, coming home, call together his friends and neighbors, saying to them: Rejoice with me, because I have found my sheep that was lost? I say to you, that even so, there shall be joy in heaven upon one sinner that doth penance, more than upon ninety-nine just who need not penance. Or what woman having ten groats, if she lose one groat, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently until she find it, and when she hath found it, call together her friends and neighbors, saying: Rejoice with me, because I have found the groat which I had lost! So I say to you, there shall be joy before the angels of God upon one sinner doing penance.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Prayer.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord! that the course of the world by thy direction may in our regard be peaceful; and that thy church may rejoice in tranquil devotion: through, &c.

The Gospel. Luke v. 1-11.

At that time: It came to pass, that when the multitude pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by

the lake of Genesareth. And he saw two ships standing by the lake; but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And going up into one of the ships that was Simon's, he desired him to draw back a little from the land. And sitting, he taught the multitude out of the ship. Now when he had ceased to speak, he said to Simon: Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon, answering, said to him: Master, we have labored all the night, and have taken nothing; but at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had done this, they enclosed a very great multitude of fishes, and their net broke. And they beckoned to their partners that were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came and filled both the ships, so that they were almost sinking. Which when Simon Peter saw, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying: Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was wholly astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken. And so were also James and John the sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. And Jesus saith to Simon: Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And having brought their ships to land, leaving all things, they followed him.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Prayer.

O God! who hast prepared invisible good for them that love thee, infuse into our hearts the affection of thy love, that, loving thee in all things, we may obtain thy promises, which surpass every desire: through, &c.

The Gospel. Matt. v. 20-24.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: Unless your justice exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. You have heard that it was said to them of old: Thou shalt not kill. And whosoever shall kill, shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say to you, that whosoever is angry

with his brother, shall be in danger of the judgment. And whosoever shall say to his brother, *Raca*, shall be in danger of the council. And whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell-fire. Therefore, if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there shalt remember that thy brother hath any thing against thee, leave thy gift before the altar, and go first to be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Prayer

O God of Hosts! to whom belongeth all that is best, infuse into our breasts the love of thy name: and grant within us an increase of devotion, that thou mayest nourish what is good, and by the pursuit of piety preserve what thou hast nourished: through, &c.

The Gospel. Mark viii. 1-9.

At that time: When there was a great multitude with Jesus, and had nothing to eat; calling his disciples together, he saith to them: I have compassion on the multitude; for behold they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat; and if I send them away fasting to their own home, they will faint in the way: for some of them came afar off. And his disciples answered him: From whence can any one fill them here with bread in the wilderness? And he asked them: How many loaves have ye? Who said: Seven. And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground; and taking the seven loaves, giving thanks, he broke, and gave to his disciples to set before them, and they set them before the people. And they had a few little fishes; and he blessed them, and commanded them to be set before them. And they did eat, and were filled, and they took up that which was left of the fragments, seven baskets. And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent them away.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Prayer.

O God! whose providence is not deceived in its appointments; we humbly beseech thee to remove from us all that is hurtful, and grant all that will prove profitable through, &c

The Gospel. Matt. vii. 15-21.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: Beware of false prophets, who come to you in the clothing of sheep, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. By their fruits you shall know them. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit, and the evil tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can an evil tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, shall be cut down, and shall be cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them. Not every one that saith, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven, he shall enter into the kingdom of heaven.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Prayer.

Grant us, in thy mercy, we beseech thee, O Lord! at all times the spirit of thinking and doing what is right: that we who cannot exist without thee, may be able to live according to thee through, &c.

The Gospel. Luke xvi. 1-9.

At that time: Jesus spoke to his disciples this parable. There was a certain rich man who had a steward: and the same was accused unto him, that he had wasted his goods. And he called him, and said to him: How is it that I hear this of thee! Give an account of thy stewardship: for now thou canst be steward no longer. And the steward said within himself: What shall I do

because my lord taketh away from me the stewardship; To dig I am not able; to beg I am ashamed. I know what I will do, that when I shall be removed from the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. Therefore calling together every one of his lord's debtors, he said to the first: How much dost thou owe my lord? But he said: A hundred barrels of oil. And he said to him: Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty. Then he said to another: And how much dost thou owe? Who said: A hundred quarters of wheat. He said to him: Take thy bill, and write eighty. And the lord commended the unjust steward, forasmuch as he had done wisely: for the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light. And I say to you: Make unto you friends of the mammon of iniquity, that when you shall fail, they may receive you into everlasting dwellings.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Prayer.

Let the ears of thy mercy, O Lord! be open to the prayers of thy suppliants; and that thou mayest grant what thy petitioners desire, make them ask those things which are pleasing to thee: through, &c.

The Gospel. Luke xix. 41-47.

At that time: When he drew near Jerusalem, seeing the city, he wept over it, saying: If thou also hadst known, and that in this thy day, the things that are to thy peace: but now they are hidden from thy eyes. For the days shall come upon thee: and thy enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and straiten thee on every side, and beat thee flat to the ground, and thy children who are in thee; and they shall not leave in thee a stone upon a stone: because thou hast not known the time of thy visitation. And entering into the temple, he began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought, saying to them: It is written: "My house is the house of prayer," but you

have made it a den of thieves. And he was teaching daily in the temple.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Prayer.

O God! who dost particularly manifest thy omnipotence by sparing and showing mercy, multiply thy mercy towards us; that running to the possession of what thou hast promised, thou mayest make us partakers of heavenly goods: through, &c.

The Gospel. Luke xviii. 9-14.

At that time: Jesus spake this parable to some who trusted in themselves as just and despised others. Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one was a Pharisee, and the other a Publican. The Pharisee, standing, prayed thus with himself: O God, I give thee thanks that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, as also is this Publican. I fast twice in the week: I give tithes of all that I possess. And the Publican, standing afar off, would not so much as lift up his eyes towards heaven, but struck his breast, saying: O God, be merciful to me a sinner. I say to you this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: because every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Prayer

O Almighty and Everlasting God! who, by the abundance of thy mercy, dost exceed the desires and desires of thy suppliants: pour forth thy mercy upon us, that thou mayest forgive what our conscience fears, and grant what our prayer does not presume to ask: through, &c.

The Gospel. Mark vii. 31-37.

At that time: Jesus going out of the coasts of Tyre, he came by Sidon to the sea of Galilee, through the

midst of the coast of Decapolis. And they bring to him one deaf and dumb; and they besought him, that he would lay his hand upon him. And taking him from the multitude apart, he put his fingers into his ears, and spitting, he touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, he groaned and said to him: Ephpheta. That is, Be opened. And immediately his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke right. And he charged them that they should tell no man. But the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they did publish it. And so much the more did they wonder, saying: He hath done all things well; he hath made both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Prayer.

O Almighty and Merciful God! from whose gift it comes that thou art worthily and laudably served by thy faithful; grant us, we beseech thee, to run without offence to the attainment of thy promises: through, &c.

The Gospel. Luke x. 23-37.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: Blessed are the eyes that see the things which you see. For I say to you that many prophets and kings have desired to see the things that you see, and have not seen them; and to hear the things that you hear, and have not heard them. And behold, a certain lawyer stood up, tempting him, and saying: Master, what must I do to possess eternal life? But he said to him: What is written in the law? how readest thou? He, answering, said: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." And he said to him: Thou hast answered right: this do and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said to Jesus: And who is my neigh-

bor? And Jesus, answering, said: A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, who had stripped him, and having wounded him, went away, leaving him half dead. And it chanced that a certain priest went down the same way; and seeing him, passed by. In like manner also a Levite, when he was near the place, and saw him, passed by. But a certain Samaritan, being on his journey, came near him, and seeing him, was moved with compassion. And going up to him, bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine; and setting him upon his own beast, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two pence, and gave to the host, and said. Take care of him; and whatsoever thou shalt spend over and above, I at my return will repay thee. Which of these three, in thy opinion, was neighbor to him that fell among robbers? But he said: He that showed mercy to him. And Jesus said to him: Go, and do thou in like manner.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Prayer.

O Almighty and Eternal God! grant to us an increase of Faith, Hope, and Charity: and that we may deserve to obtain what thou promisest, make us love what thou commandest: through, &c.

The Gospel. Luke xvii. 11-19.

At that time: As Jesus was going to Jerusalem, he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain town, there met him ten men that were lepers, who stood afar off; and lifted up their voice, saying: Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. Whom when he saw, he said: Go, show yourselves to the priests. And it came to pass, that as they went, they were made clean. And one of them, when he saw that he was made clean, went back, with a loud voice glorifying God. And he fell on his face before his feet, giving thanks, and this was a Samaritan. And Jesus

answering, said: Were not ten made clean, and where are the nine? There is no one found to return and give glory to God, but this stranger. And he said to him: Arise, go thy way; for thy faith hath made thee whole.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Prayer.

Preserve thy Church, we beseech thee, O Lord! with perpetual mercy: and since without thee mortal man goes astray, may he be ever withheld by thy grace from what is hurtful, and directed to what is profitable: through, &c.

The Gospel. Matt. vi. 24-33.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: No man can serve two masters. For either he will hate the one, and love the other: or he will sustain the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, be not solicitous for your life, what you shall eat, nor for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life more than the meat, and the body more than the raiment? Behold the birds of the air, for they neither sow, nor do they reap, nor gather into barns, and your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are not you of much more value than they? and which of you, by taking thought, can add to his stature one cubit? And for raiment why are you solicitous? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. they labor not, neither do they spin. But I say to you, that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these. And if the grass of the field, which is to-day, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, God doth so clothe: how much more you, O ye of little faith? Be not solicitous, therefore, saying, what shall we eat, or what shall we drink, or wherewith shall we be clothed? For after all these things do the heathens seek. For your Father knoweth that you have need of all these things. Seek ye therefore first

the kingdom of God and his justice, and all these things shall be added unto you.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Prayer.

May continued mercy purify and defend thy Church. O Lord! and since without thee it cannot remain safe, may it ever be governed by thy bounty: through, &c.

The Gospel. Luke vii. 11-16.

At that time: Jesus went into a city called Naim: and there went with him his disciples and a great multitude. And when he came nigh to the city, behold a dead man was carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow: and much people of the city were with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said to her: Weep not. And he came near and touched the bier. And they that carried it stood still. And he said: Young man, I say to thee, arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on them all: and they glorified God, saying: A great prophet is risen up amongst us, and God hath visited his people.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Prayer.

May thy grace, O Lord! ever precede and follow us; and make us ever intent upon good works: through
 &c.

The Gospel. Luke xiv 1-11.

At that time: When Jesus went into the house of one of the chief of the Pharisees on the Sabbath day to eat bread, they watched him. And behold there was a certain man before him that had the dropsy. And Jesus answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying: Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day? But they held their peace. But he, taking him, healed him.

and sent him away. And answering them, he said Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fall into a pit and will not immediately draw him out on the Sabbath day? And they could not answer him to these things. And he spoke a parable also to them that were invited, marking how they chose the first seats at the table, saying to them: When thou art invited to a wedding, sit not down in the first place, lest perhaps one more honorable than thou be invited by him, and he that inviteth thee and him, come and say to thee, Give this man place: and then thou begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when thou art invited, go sit down in the lowest place: that when he who inviteth thee cometh, he may say to thee, Friend, go up higher. Then shalt thou have glory before them that sit at table with thee: because every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled: and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Prayer.

Grant to thy people, we beseech thee, O Lord! to avoid the contagion of the Devil, and with a pure mind to seek thee, the only God. through, &c.

The Gospel. Matt. xxii. 35-46.

At that time: The Pharisees came to Jesus: and one of them, a doctor of the law, asked him, tempting them: Master, which is the great commandment of the law? Jesus said to him: *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind.* This is the greatest and the first commandment. And the second is like to this: *Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.* On these two commandments dependeth the whole law and the prophets. And the Pharisees being gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, What think you of Christ? whose son is he? They say to him: David's. He saith to them: How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying

The Lord said to my Lord, Sit on my right hand until I make thy enemies thy footstool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer him a word; neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Prayer

We beseech thee, O Lord! that the work of thy mercy may direct our hearts: For without thy grace, we cannot be pleasing to thee: through, &c.

The Gospel. Matt. ix. 1-8.

At that time: Jesus entering into a boat, he passed over the water and came into his own city. And behold they brought to him one sick of the palsy, lying on a bed. And Jesus seeing their faith, said to the man sick of the palsy: Be of good heart, son, thy sins are forgiven thee. And behold some of the Scribes said within themselves: He blasphemeth. And Jesus, seeing their thoughts, said: Why do you think evil in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say, Thy sins are forgiven thee: or to say, Arise and walk? But that you may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins (then said he to the man sick of the palsy), Arise, take up thy bed, and go into thy house. And he arose and went into his house. And the multitudes seeing it, feared, and glorified God that gave such power to men.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Prayer.

O Almighty and Merciful God! graciously defend us from all that is hurtful, that, free in mind and body, we may with ready minds perform all that belongs to thy service: through, &c.

The Gospel. Matt. xxii. 2-14.

At that time: Jesus spoke to the Scribes and Pharisees in a parable, saying: The kingdom of heaven is likened to a king, who made a marriage for his son. And he sent his servants, to call them that were invited to the marriage: and they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying: Tell them that were invited: Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my beeves and fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come ye to the marriage. But they neglected, and went their ways, one to his farm and another to his merchandise. And the rest laid hands on his servants, and having treated them contumeliously, put them to death. But when the king had heard of it, he was angry, and sending his armies, he destroyed those murderers, and burnt their city. Then he saith to his servants: The marriage indeed is ready: but they that were invited, were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways; and as many as you shall find, call to the marriage. And his servants going forth into the ways, gathered together all they found, both bad and good: and the marriage was filled with guests. And the king went in, to see the guests; and he saw there a man who had not on a wedding garment. And he saith to him: Friend, how camest thou in hither not having on a wedding garment? But he was silent. Then the king said to the waiters: Bind his hands and his feet, and cast him into the exterior darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Prayer.

Be appeased, O Lord! we beseech thee, and grant to thy Faithful pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their offences, and serve thee with secure mind through, &c.

The Gospel. John iv. 46-53.

At that time : There was a certain ruler whose son was sick at Capharnaum. He having heard that Jesus was come from Judea into Galilee, went to him and prayed him to come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death. Jesus therefore said to him: Unless you see signs and wonders, you believe not. The ruler saith to him: Lord, come down before that my son die. Jesus saith to him: Go thy way, thy son liveth. The man believed the word which Jesus said to him, and went his way. And as he was going down, his servants met him; and they brought word, saying, that his son lived. He asked therefore of them the hour wherein he grew better. And they said to him: Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. The father therefore knew that it was at the same hour that Jesus said to him: Thy son liveth; and himself believed, and his whole house.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Prayer.

Preserve, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy family by continued mercy; that by thy protection they may be free from all adversity: through, &c.

The Gospel. Matt. xviii. 23-35.

At that time : Jesus spoke to his disciples this parable: The kingdom of heaven is likened to a king who would take an account of his servants. And when he had begun to take the account, one was brought to him that owed him ten thousand talents. And as he had not wherewith to pay it, his lord commanded that he should be sold, and his wife and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. But that servant, falling down, besought him, saying: Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And the lord of that servant, being moved with pity, let him go, and forgave him the debt. But when that servant was gone out, he found one of

his fellow-servants that owed him a hundred pence and laying hold of him, he throttled him, saying: Pay what thou owest. And his fellow-servant, falling down besought him, saying: Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not; but went and cast him into prison, till he paid the debt. Now his fellow-servants, seeing what was done, were very much grieved and they came and told their lord all that was done. Then his lord called him, and said to him: Thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all the debt, because thou besoughtest me: shouldst not thou then have had compassion also on thy fellow-servant, even as I had compassion on thee? And his lord, being angry, delivered him to the torturers, until he paid all the debt. So also shall my heavenly Father do to you, if you forgive not every one his brother from your hearts.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Prayer.

O God! our refuge and strength: thou who art the author of mercy, attend to the pious prayers of thy Church, and grant that what we ask in Faith we may effectually obtain: through, &c.

The Gospel. Matt. xii. 15-21.

At that time: The Pharisees, going, consulted among themselves how to ensnare Jesus in his speech. And they send to him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying: Master, we know that thou art a true speaker, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: thou dost not regard the persons of men. Tell us, therefore, what thou dost think: is it lawful to give tribute to Cæsar or not? But Jesus, knowing their wickedness, said: Why do ye tempt me, ye hypocrites? Show me the coin of the tribute. And they offered him a penny. And Jesus saith to them: Whose image and inscription is this? They say to him, Cæsar's. Then he saith to them: Render therefore to

Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's; and to God, the things that are God's.

If there be but 23 Sundays after Pentecost, the Mass of the last Sunday after Pentecost (p. 432) is said. If there be 25 Sundays, on the 24th is said the Mass of the 6th after Epiphany; if there be 26, on the 24th is said the Mass of the 5th after Epiphany; and on the 25th the Mass of the 6th after Epiphany. If there be 27, on the 24th is said the Mass of the 4th after Epiphany; on the 25th that of the 5th; and on the 26th that of the 6th after Epiphany. If there be 28, on the 24th is said the Mass of the 3d after Epiphany. So that the Mass of the 24th Sunday after Pentecost shall be always the last.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Prayer.

Absolve, we beseech thee, O Lord! the sins of thy people: that we may be delivered by thy goodness from the bonds of sin, which by our frailty we have contracted: through, &c.

The Gospel. Matt. ix. 18-26.

At that time: As Jesus was speaking to the multitude Behold a certain ruler came up, and adored him, saying Lord, my daughter is even now dead; but come lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus rising up followed him, and his disciples. And behold a woman who was troubled with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment. For she said within herself: If I shall touch only his garment, I shall be healed. But Jesus, turning and seeing her, said: Be of good heart, daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour. And when Jesus was come into the house of the ruler, and saw the minstrels and the multitude making a tumult, he said: Give place, for the girl is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. And when the multitude was put forth, he went in and took her by the hand. And the maid arose. And the fame hereof went abroad into all that country.

TWENTY-FOURTH, OR LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

The Prayer.

Stir up the wills of thy Faithful, O Lord ! we beseech thee : that more earnestly seeking after the fruit of good works, they may receive more abundant helps from thy mercy through, &c.

The Gospel. Matt. xxiv. 15-35.

At that time : Jesus said to his disciples : When you shall see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place ; he that readeth, let him understand : then they that are in Judea, let them flee to the mountains ; and he that is on the housetop, let him not come down to take any thing out of his house ; and he that is in the field, let him not go back to take his coat. And woe to them that are with child, and give suck in those days. But pray that your flight be not in the winter, or on the Sabbath. For there shall be then great tribulation, such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now, neither shall be. And unless those days had been shortened, no flesh could be saved : but for the sake of the elect, those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say to you : Lo, here is Christ, or there ; do not believe him : for there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, inasmuch as to deceive, if possible, even the elect. Behold, I have told it you beforehand. If therefore they shall say to you : Behold, he is in the desert ; go ye not out : Behold, he is in the closets ; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and appeareth even into the west ; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. Wheresoever the body shall be, there shall the eagles also be gathered together. And immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be moved ; and there shall appear the

sign of the Son of Man in heaven; and then shall all tribes of the earth mourn; and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with much power and majesty. And he shall send his angels with a trumpet, and a great voice; and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the farthest parts of the heavens to the utmost bounds of the earth. And from the fig-tree learn a parable: When the branch thereof is now tender, and the leaves come forth, you know that summer is nigh. So you also, when you shall see all these things, know ye that it is nigh, even at the doors. Amen, I say to you, that this generation shall not pass, till these things be done. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

25TH MARCH. THE ANNUNCIATION, F.T.C.

The Prayer.

O God! who didst please, that thy word should take flesh, at the message of an Angel, in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary; grant to thy suppliants, that we who believe her to be truly the Mother of God, may be helped by her intercession with thee: through, &c.

The Gospel. Luke i. 26-38.

At that time: The angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel, being come in, said unto her: Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. Who, having heard, was troubled at his saying, and thought with herself what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said to her: Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his

father : and he shall reign in the house of Jacob forever and of his kingdom there shall be no end. And Mary said to the angel : How shall this be done, because I know not man ? And the angel, answering, said to her : The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee, shall be called the Son of God. And behold thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age ; and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren ; because no word shall be impossible with God. And Mary said : Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word.

15TH AUGUST. FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION.

The Prayer.

Pardon, we beseech thee, O Lord ! the sins of thy servants : that we who are not able to please thee by our deeds, may be saved by the intercession of the mother of thy Son, our Lord, &c.

The Gospel. Luke x. 38-42.

At that time : Jesus entered into a certain town ; and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary. Who sitting also at the Lord's feet, heard his word. But Martha was busy about much serving. Who stood and said : Lord, hast thou no care that my sister hath left me alone to serve ? Speak to her therefore, that she help me. And the Lord, answering, said to her : Martha, Martha, thou art careful, and art troubled about many things. But one thing is necessary. Mary hath chosen the best part, which shall not be taken from her.

1ST NOVEMBER. FEAST OF ALL SAINTS.

The Prayer.

O Almighty and Everlasting God ! who hast granted us to venerate in one solemnity the merits of all thy Saints ; we beseech thee, that as our intercessors are

multiplied, thou wouldst bestow upon us the desired abundance of thy mercy : through, &c.

The Gospel. Matt. v. 1-12.

At that time : Jesus seeing the multitude, went up into a mountain, and when he was set down, his disciples came unto him. And opening his mouth, he taught them, saying : Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek : for they shall possess the land. Blessed are they that mourn : for they shall be comforted. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice : for they shall have their fill. Blessed are the merciful : for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart : for they shall see God. Blessed are the peace-makers : for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye when they shall revile you, and persecute you, and speak all that is evil against you, untruly, for my sake ; be glad and rejoice, for your reward is very great in heaven.

Instructions and Devotions for Confession.

On the Sacrament of Penance.

PENANCE is a sacrament instituted by Christ, in which, by the ministry of the Priest, actual sins are remitted, and the conscience is released from all bonds by which it may be bound. In this sacrament, also, the eternal punishment due to sin is remitted, and part or the whole of the temporal punishment, according to the disposition of the penitent.

Hence we see the great necessity of this sacrament

and the Council of Trent has decreed, that it is not less necessary for salvation to those who have fallen into mortal sin after baptism, than baptism to those who have never been baptized. And although penance may, at first sight, and in itself, seem to be a bitter and painful thing, yet, viewed in its fruits and consequences it is full of consolation; and every Christian, as soon as he is conscious that he has fallen into a mortal sin, ought at once to have recourse to this fount of divine mercy.

The evil consequences of delay are manifold. 1. In a state of mortal sin, every other mortal sin committed becomes more aggravated in its character. 2. The commission of one mortal sin makes a second easier, and this leads to a third, and so on. 3. In a state of mortal sin, a man loses the value of all the good works that he may do. They avail nothing for everlasting life. Neither alms, nor prayers, nor fasts, nor even martyrdom itself, can profit a man, if he has not repented of his sins. 4. Sin, continued in, shuts by degrees the door of divine mercy, until at last scarce any hope is left of obtaining pardon from God. Lastly. Just as the longer a stain remains upon a garment, the more difficult it is to remove, and the longer we neglect to cleanse our chambers or our persons the more defiled they become; so the longer the soul neglects to purge itself by confession, the more difficult the work becomes, and the more intricate, on account of the number of sins and anxiety of mind, until at last even an experienced confessor may be unable to extricate the soul from its miserable state; and thus the worm of conscience is begotten and nourished, which, though it may not be felt in life, will awfully sting cruelly in the hour of death, and much more in that place where the worm never dieth, and the fire is not quenched.

The Parts of Penance.

It is not necessary here to enter at any length upon the parts of penance. It will be sufficient to mention that they are three—*contrition, confession, and satisfaction*.

and, which are absolutely necessary for the perfection of the sacrament and for salvation.

True contrition consists in a hearty sorrow and detestation of our sins, because by them we have offended God, whom we ought to love above all things. To this sorrow must be joined a firm purpose of amendment of life, and of never wilfully sinning again.

In order that confession may be valid, it must be, 1. *sincere*; that is, all mortal sins, as to their number and character, must be laid open to the priest; 2. *faithful*, that is, true and sincere; 3. *diligent*, that is, it must be preceded by due diligence and care in the examination of conscience; 4. *obedient*, that is, the penitent must fully intend to obey whatever the priest commands him. By *satisfaction* is meant the performance of the penance enjoined by the priest, as well as other penitential works, which we may do in satisfaction for the sins which we have committed; and which works are of three kinds, prayer, almsgiving, and fasting, or other corporeal austerities.

Causes which render Confession invalid.

1. When any mortal sin is omitted wilfully, from shame or any other motive.
2. When a falsehood is told in confession concerning any mortal sin, known to be mortal.
3. When any mortal sin is forgotten, which might have been remembered with proper diligence in self-examination.
4. When there is not a full purpose of abandoning sin, and avoiding all dangerous occasions of sin.
5. When the penitent is under any sentence of excommunication, and has not been absolved from it previously to confession.
6. When the penitent, having sins of some consequence to confess, deliberately chooses a young or unskilful confessor, who is not experienced in cases of conscience.

Prayer before Examination of Conscience.

O most merciful God, I give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy mercies unto me, and, particularly at this time, for thy forbearance and long-suffering with me, notwithstanding my many and grievous sins. It is of thy great mercy that I have not fallen into greater and more grievous sins than those which I have committed, and that I have not been cut off and cast into hell. O my God, although I have been so ungrateful to thee in times past, yet now, I beseech thee to accept me returning to thee with an earnest desire to repent, and devote myself to thee, my Lord and my God, and to praise thy holy name forever.

Enlighten me, O God, for thou knowest all my ways and observest all my footsteps. Come, thou true light, and dispel the darkness of my heart, that I may see what in me is displeasing unto thee, and that with a contrite heart I may bewail my sins, rightly confess them, and effectually forsake and amend them.

Receive my confession, and spare me, O most gracious Lord Jesus Christ, whom I, an unworthy sinner, am not worthy to name, because I have so often offended thee through my fault, through my own fault, through my own most grievous fault. Behold, O God, I humbly bow my knees before thee. I blush and am confounded, and am ashamed to lift up my face unto thee; for my iniquities are multiplied, and as a heavy burden oppress me. But thou, O most merciful Jesus, be merciful unto me a sinner. Rebuke me not in thine anger, and cast me not away from thy face, O good Jesus, who hast said that thou wilt not the death of a sinner,

but rather that he should be converted and live. Receive me, I beseech thee, returning to thee with a penitent and contrite heart. Thou art my Saviour and my God ; I am thy servant, although a wicked one, and a most unworthy sinner. Spare me, O most kind Jesus, who didst die upon the cross that thou mightest save sinners. To whom shall I flee but unto thee, my only hope and my salvation ? If thou dost reject me, who will receive me ? To whom shall I look for assistance ? Who will heal my iniquities ? Have mercy upon me, O most gracious Lord, and despise not the humble and contrite heart of thy servant. Grant me, I beseech thee, perfect contrition for my sins, that I may detest them with the deepest sorrow of heart. Send forth thy light into my soul, and discover to me all those sins which I ought to confess at this time.

Assist me by thy grace, that I may be able to declare them to the priest thy vicar, fully, humbly, and with a contrite heart, and so obtain perfect remission of them all through thine infinite goodness. Amen.

O most gracious Virgin Mary, beloved Mother of Jesus Christ my Redeemer, intercede for me to him. Obtain for me the full remission of my sins, and perfect amendment of life, to the salvation of my soul, and the glory of his name. Amen.

I implore the same grace of thee, O my angel guardian : of you, my holy patrons, N. N. : of you, O holy Peter and holy Magdalen, and of all the saints of God. Intercede for me a sinner, repenting of my sins, and resolving to confess and amend them. Amen.

An Examination of Conscience for those who confess their Sins regularly and frequently, according to the threefold duty we owe to God, to our neighbor, and to ourselves

I. IN RELATION TO GOD.

1. Have you omitted morning or evening prayer, neglected to make your daily examination of conscience? Have you prayed negligently, and with wilful distractions? 2. Have you spent your time, especially on Sundays and holidays, not in sluggishly lying a-bed, or in any sort of idle entertainment, but in reading, praying, or other pious exercises; and taken care that those under your charge have done the like, and not wanted the instructions necessary for their condition, nor time for prayer, or to prepare for the sacraments? 3. Have you spoken irreverently of God and holy things? Have you taken his name in vain, or told untruths? 4. Have you omitted your duty through human respect, interest, compliance, &c.? 5. Have you been zealous for God's honor, for justice, virtue, and truth, and reproved such as act otherwise? 6. Have you resigned your will to God in troubles, necessities, sickness, &c.? Have you faithfully resisted thoughts of infidelity, distrust, presumption, impurity, &c.?

II. IN RELATION TO YOUR NEIGHBOR.

1. Have you disobeyed your superiors, murmured against their commands, or spoken of them contemptuously? 2. Have you been troubled, peevish, or impatient, when told of your faults and not corrected them? Have you scorned the good advice of others, or censured their proceedings? 3. Have you offended any one by injurious threatening words or actions? 4. Or lessened their reputation by any sort of detraction, or in any matter of importance? 5. Or spread any report, true or false, that exposed your neighbor to contempt, or made him undervalued? 6. Have you, by carrying stories backward and forward, created discord and misunderstanding between neighbors? 7. Have you been froward

or peevish towards any one in your carriage, speech, or conversation? 8. Or taken pleasure to vex, mortify, or provoke them to swear, curse, or any ways offend God? 9. Have you mocked or reproached them for their corporal or spiritual imperfections? 10. Have you been excessive in reprehending those under your care, or been wanting in giving them just reproof? 11. Have you borne with their oversights and imperfections, and given them good counsel? 12. Have you been solicitous for such as are under your charge; and provided for their souls and bodies?

III. IN RELATION TO YOURSELF.

1. Have you been obstinate in following your own will, or in defending your own opinion in things either indifferent, dangerous, or scandalous? 2. Have you taken pleasure in hearing yourself praised, or yielded to thoughts of vanity? 3. Have you indulged yourself in over much ease, or any ways yielded to sensuality? 4. Has your conversation been edifying and moderate; or have you been froward, proud, or troublesome to others? 5. Have you spent over much time in play, or useless employments, and thereby omitted or put off your devotions to unseasonable times?

Another Examination of Conscience upon the Ten Commandments. To be used for a general Confession, and occasionally at other times.

Have you been guilty of heresy or disbelief, or wilful doubting of any article of faith? How often? and for how long a time? Or have you rashly exposed yourself to the danger of infidelity, by reading bad books, or keeping wicked company? How often?

Have you, by word or deed, denied your religion, or gone to places of false worship, so as to join in any way in the worship, or to give scandal? How often?

Have you been ignorant of the articles of your creed, of the commandments, or of any of those things which

Christians in your station are bound to know? For how long a time?

Have you despaired of salvation, or of the forgiveness of your sins? Or have you rashly presumed upon finding mercy; going on in your sins, without any thoughts of amendment; or depending upon a death-bed repentance? How long have you been in this way?

Have you, after falling into mortal sin, neglected for a long time to turn to God by repentance? and for how long a time?

Have you committed any thing that you judged or doubted to be a mortal sin, though perhaps it was not so? How often? Or have you exposed yourself to the evident danger of mortal sin? How often? and of what sin?

Have you been negligent in the worship of God? seldom or never adoring and praising him, or giving him thanks; praying but little, or with little attention; and neglecting to make acts of faith, hope, or love of God? How long has this negligence continued?

Have you made a sacrilegious confession or communion, by concealing some mortal sin in confession, or what you doubted might be mortal; or for want of a hearty sorrow for your sins, and a firm purpose of amendment; or by being grossly negligent in the examination of your conscience? How often?

Have you received any other sacrament, for example, confirmation, or matrimony, in mortal sin?

Have you neglected to perform the penance enjoined in confession? or said it with wilful distractions? How often?

Have you presumed to receive the blessed sacrament after having broken your fast?

Have you been guilty of idolatry, or of giving divine honors to any thing created, or used any witchcraft, or charms, or spells, or such like other diabolical inventions? How often? and with what scandal or ill example to others?

Have you employed prayers or sacred names to superstitious uses? How often?

Have you consulted fortune-tellers, or made use of any superstitious practices, to find out things to come, recover things lost, &c.? How often?

Have you given credit to dreams, taken notice of omens, or made any other superstitious observations? How often?

Have you blasphemed God or his saints? How often?

Have you abused the holy Scriptures, or scoffed at holy things? How often?

The Second Commandment.

‘Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.’

Have you taken God’s name in vain, or used it without respect in common discourse? Have you taken a false oath, or sworn to what you did not certainly know whether it was true or false? Have you taken a rash oath, or without a sufficient reason? Have you taken an oath to do any thing that was wicked or unlawful? or broken your lawful oaths? How often?

Have you had a custom of swearing rashly and inconsiderately by the name of God, by your soul, or by the way of imprecation upon yourself? How long have you had this custom? How many times a day have you sworn in this manner? Have you sworn by the blood or wounds of God, or any other blasphemous oath? How often?

Have you cursed yourself or others, or any thing else? and if so, was it from your heart? How often?

Have you been accessory to others swearing, cursing, or blaspheming? How often?

Have you made a rash vow, without sufficient knowledge or deliberation?

Have you broken any vow or solemn promise made to God? How often?

The Third Commandment.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. '

Have you neglected to keep holy the Sunday?

Have you, when prevented from hearing mass on Sundays and holydays, supplied the omission by prayers at home, and taken care that those under your charge did the same?

Have you done any servile work without necessity upon those days? or been accessory to others so doing? How often?

Have you spent those days in idleness or in sin? or been accessory to others spending them so? How often?

The Fourth Commandment.

'Honor thy father and thy mother.'

If a Child.—Have you been wanting in your duty to your parents, by not loving them, or not showing them due respect; or by disobeying them? and was it in any matter of moment? Or have you been disobedient or disrespectful to any other lawful superiors? How often?

Have you desired your parents' death, or cursed them! Or given them injurious language? Or lifted up your hand against them? Or threatened them? Or provoked them to swear, or otherwise to offend God? Or caused them any considerable trouble or uneasiness? How often?

Have you stolen from your parents, or otherwise wronged them? Or squandered away their substance? How much, and how often?

Have you neglected to succor your parents in their necessities, either corporal or spiritual?

If a Parent.—Have you been negligent in procuring that you children should be speedily baptized? Or that they should be timely instructed in their prayers and the Christian doctrine? Or have you been wanting in giving them early impressions of the fear and love of

God? Or in taking care of their discharging their duty with regard to the sacraments?

Have you neglected to correct them; or been excessive in your correction?

Have you neglected to remove from them the occasions of sin, such as wicked companions, bad books, amusements, &c.; or suffered them to lie in the same bed with one another, with danger to their chastity?

Have you flattered them in their passions, or indulged them in their evil inclinations?

Have you given them bad example? How often, and in what kind?

If a Servant.—Have you disobeyed your master or mistress? Have you been wanting in diligence or industry? Have you injured or destroyed their property through carelessness or neglect? or suffered others to injure them?

Have you stolen from them, or given any thing away without their knowledge?

Have you betrayed their confidence by revealing their secrets, by tale-bearing, by lies, &c.?

Have you obeyed or flattered them in any thing sinful?

If a Master or Mistress.—Have you neglected to watch over the conduct of your servants?

Have you refused, without necessity, to allow them time to hear mass on Sundays and holydays, or to frequent the sacraments?

Have you overburdened them with work, or treated them injuriously?

The Fifth Commandment.

“Thou shalt not kill.”

Have you been guilty of anger or violent passion? And if so, what scandal was given?

Have you desired any one's death, through hatred or malice? or for your temporal interest? How often?

Have you revenged yourself of any one by word or action, or desired revenge, or taken pleasure in the thoughts of it? How often?

Have you provoked, challenged, or struck others, or been guilty of quarrelling or fighting with them? How often? And what mischief have you done them?

Have you borne malice to others, or refused to be reconciled to them? For how long a time? And what sort of evil had you in your heart against them?

Have you procured, or thought to procure, a miscarriage? or given any counsel, aid, or assistance thereunto? How often?

Have you done any thing to shorten your own or any other's life, or to hasten death? or rashly exposed yourself or others to danger? How often?

Have you desired your own death, through passion or impatience? or entertained any thoughts of making away with yourself? or attempted or designed any such thing? How often?

Have you neglected to give alms according to your condition and ability? Or to reclaim sinners when it lay in your power? How often?

Have you been guilty of any spiritual murder, by drawing others into mortal sin? Or have you been accessory to the sins of others, by counsel, or command, or provocation, or any other way? How often? And what sins?

Have you given scandal, or occasion of sin to others, by lewd or irreligious discourse; by drunkenness or swearing; by immodesty of dress or behavior, &c.?

N.B.—The circumstance of scandal is generally found in all sins that are known to others, by reason of the force of ill-example which encourages others to sin.

The Sixth Commandment

'Thou shalt not commit adultery.'

Have you been guilty of any acts of impurity? (*Under this head, all sins against purity must be carefully examined, as well as whatsoever leads to their indulgence or commission.*) Have you been guilty of filthy talking? of reading immodest books? of indecency of dress? of

looking at unchaste objects? of taking any dangerous or improper liberties?

N.B.—As the sins against this and the Ninth Commandment are most piercing, and, at the same time, most various, the prudent counsel of your director will assist you, if necessary, in a more particular examination.

The Seventh Commandment.

"Thou shalt not steal."

Have you been guilty of stealing, or cheating, or in any way wronging your neighbor in buying or selling, or in any other bargains or contracts? Or have you been accessory to another's committing any such injustice? How often? and to what value?

Have you unjustly retained what belonged to another? How long? and to what injury?

Have you caused any damage to your neighbor in his house, cattle, or other goods? How often?

Have you contracted debts without design of paying them; or without any prospect of being able to pay them? Or have you delayed or refused to pay your just debts when you were able? Or have you, by prodigal expenses, rendered yourself unable; and so wronged your creditors, or your own family? How often?

Have you been guilty of negligence in the securing or administering of trusts confided to your care, whether for ecclesiastical, charitable, or other purposes? Has any actual loss resulted from this negligence? To what extent? Have you been negligent in the administration of property otherwise entrusted to you, as guardian or administrator? If so, have others thereby suffered? To what extent?

Have you been guilty of usury, in the loan of money? How often?

Have you put off false money? How much? How often?

Have you professed any art, or undertaken any business, without sufficient skill or knowledge? And what injury has your neighbor suffered from it?

Have you bought or received stolen goods? or taken of those who could not give? How often?

Have you neglected your work or business to which you were hired, or by contract obliged? How often? and to what injury? Or have you broken your promises in matters of consequence?

N.B.—In all sins of injustice, whereby you have done any wrong to your neighbor, either in his person, or in his goods, or in his character, honor, or good name, you are strictly obliged to make full satisfaction and restitution, if it be in your power, otherwise the sin will not be forgiven.

Have you, then, neglected or delayed, without just cause, to make satisfaction and restitution, when it was in your power? How long?

The Eighth Commandment.

“Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.”

Have you been guilty of telling lies? And whether in any matter of consequence, or to the injury of any one? How often?

Have you been guilty of hypocrisy or dissimulation? How often?

Have you entertained a bad opinion of your neighbor without grounds, or judged rashly of his actions or intentions? How often?

Have you been guilty of backbiting, or uncharitable conversation, by speaking of the known faults of your absent neighbor? How often?

Have you been guilty of the sin of detraction, which consists in taking away or lessening your neighbor's reputation, by publishing his secret faults or defects? How often have you done so? From what motive? and before how many?

Have you been guilty of calumny, which consists in saying of your neighbor what is false or uncertain? How often? and before how many?

N.B.—In either case, you are obliged to restore his character as far as you are able.

Have you willingly given ear to detraction or calumny? Have you taken pleasure in it? Or in any way encouraged it? Or not hindered it when you might? How often?

Have you injured your neighbor's honor, by reproaches and affronts, or robbed him of his peace of mind, by scoffs and derision? How often?

Have you, by carrying stories backwards and forwards, or in any other way caused misunderstanding or quarrels betwixt others? How often? and to what prejudice?

N.B.—Here, also, judges, lawyers, solicitors, &c., ought to examine themselves, what injustice they may have been guilty of in managing cases, &c. ; as well as accusers, witnesses, &c.

The Ninth Commandment.

“Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.”

Have you taken pleasure in any unchaste thoughts or imaginations? Have you entertained any impure desires or feelings?

The Tenth Commandment.

“Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.”

Have you desired your neighbor's goods, not caring whether you had them right or wrong? Or been in a disposition of stealing, or otherwise wronging him, if it lay in your power? How often?

Have you desired your neighbor's loss or misfortune, or any public calamity, that you might be the gainer by it? How often?

The Commandments of the Church.

I. Have you neglected to keep holy the days of obligation? Have you worked on those days without necessity, and without leave from your pastor?

II. Have you neglected to hear mass on Sundays and holydays of obligation? or have you heard it with wilful distractions? or not taken care that your children and servants should hear it? How often?

III. Have you broken the days of abstinence commanded by the Church? or eaten more than one meal on fasting-days? or been accessory to others so doing? How often?

IV., V. Have you neglected to confess your sins once a year? or to receive the blessed sacrament at Easter?

VI. Have you solemnized marriage at the forbidden times? Have you married within the forbidden degrees of kindred? or with any other known impediment?

The Capital or Deadly Sins.

Pride.—Have you been guilty of pride, or complacency in yourself, or contempt of others? How often?

Have you been guilty of vainglory, by doing your actions to procure esteem? How often?

Have you taken delight in the esteem and applause of others? or have you been uneasy and discontented when you did not receive such esteem or applause? How often?

Covetousness.—Have you been guilty of covetousness, in desiring or loving too much the things of this world? Have you sought after them too eagerly? or been too much distressed at the loss of them? How often?

For the sins of Lust, see the Sixth Commandment.

For the sins of Anger, see the Fifth Commandment.

Gluttony.—Have you been guilty of gluttony, by eating or drinking to excess, so as to endanger or injure your health or reason? How often? and with what scandal?

Have you indulged an inordinate gratification of your appetite? How often?

Have you made others drunk? or sought to make them so? or boasted of having made them so? How often?

Envy.—Have you envied or repined at your neighbor's good, either spiritual or temporal? or rejoiced at his harm? How often?

Have you been guilty of jealousy in consequence of

any attention or preference shown to others? Have you rejoiced to see them disappointed or mortified?

Sloth.—Have you been guilty of sloth, or laziness of mind or body, which has prevented you from discharging your duty? How often?

Have you neglected your spiritual duties? or discharged them with tepidity or indolence? Have you studied too much your own ease, leading an unmortified and unchristian life?

Have you squandered away much of your time in idleness or useless occupation

Have you entertained with pleasure the thoughts of saying or doing any thing which it would be a sin to say or do? How often?

Have you had the desire or design of committing any sin? Of what sin? How often?

Have you gloried in any sin whatsoever? How often? and before what company? and what sin?

N. B.—Here, also, masters and servants, husbands and wives, lawyers and physicians, ecclesiastics and magistrates, &c., ought to examine into the sins which are peculiar to their states, and how far they may have neglected the duties of their respective callings.

Considerations to excite in our Mind true Contrition for our Sins.

1 Place before yourself, as distinctly as you can, all the sins that you are going to confess.

2. Consider who He is, and how good and gracious He has been to you, whom you have so often and so much offended by these sins. He made you—he made you for himself, to know, love, and serve him, and to be happy with him forever. He redeemed you by his blood. He has borne with you and waited for you so long. He it is who has called you and moved you to repentance. Why have you thus sinned against him? Why have you been thus

ungrateful? What more could he have done for you? Oh, be ashamed, and mourn, and hate yourself, because you have sinned against your Maker and your Redeemer, whom you ought to have loved above all things.

3. Consider the full consequences of even **one** mortal sin. By it you lose the grace of God. You destroy peace of conscience; you forfeit the felicity of heaven, for which you were created and redeemed; and you prepare for yourself eternal punishment. If we grieve for the loss of temporal and earthly things, how much more for those which are eternal and heavenly? If we grieve at the departure of a soul from the body, how much more at the death of a soul, which is the loss of the presence of the grace of God? "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" And "who can dwell with everlasting burnings?" Who can endure to be cast out from the presence of God forever?

4. Consider how great has been and is the love of God for you, if only from this, that he hath so long waited for you, and spared you, when he might have so justly cast you into hell. Behold him fastened to the cross for love of you! behold him pouring forth his precious blood to be a fountain to cleanse you from your sins! Hear him saying, "I thirst," as it were with an ardent desire for your salvation. Behold him stretching out his arms to embrace you, and expecting you, until you should come to yourself and turn unto him, and throw yourself before him, and say, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son." Let the considera-

tion of these things touch your heart with love for him who hath so loved you, and love will beget true contrition, most acceptable to God.

A Prayer for obtaining Contrition.

I have now here before me, O Lord, a sad prospect of the manifold offences by which I have displeased thy divine Majesty, and which I am assured will appear in judgment against me, if I repent not, and my soul be not disposed, by a hearty sorrow, to receive thy pardon. But this sorrow, O Lord, this repentance, must be thy free gift; and if it comes not from the hand of thy mercy, all my endeavors will be in vain, and I shall be forever miserable. Have mercy, therefore, on me, O Father of mercies, and pour forth into my heart thy grace, whereby I may sincerely repent of all my sins; give me a true contrition, that I may bewail my past misery and ingratitude, and grieve from my heart for having offended thee, so good a God. Permit me not to be deluded with a false sorrow, as, I fear, I have been too often, through my own weakness and neglect; but let it be now thy gift, descending from thee, the Father of lights, that so my repentance may be accompanied with amendment and change of life, and I may be fully acquitted from the guilt of all my sins, and once more received into the number of thy servants Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An Act of Contrition.

O Lord Jesus Christ, lover of our souls, who, for the great love wherewith thou hast loved us, wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; I grieve from the

bottom of my heart that I have offended thee, my most loving Father and Redeemer, unto whom all sin is infinitely displeasing; who hast so loved me that thou didst shed thy blood for me, and endure the bitter torments of a most cruel death. O my God! O infinite Goodness! would that I had never offended thee. Pardon me, O Lord Jesus, pardon me, most humbly imploring thy mercy. Have pity upon a sinner for whom thy blood pleads before the face of the Father.

O most merciful and forgiving Lord, for the love of thee I forgive all who have ever offended me. I firmly resolve to forsake and flee from all sins, and to avoid the occasions of them; and to confess, in bitterness of spirit, all those sins which I have committed against thy divine goodness, and to love thee, O my God, for thine own sake, above all things and forever. Grant me grace so to do, O most gracious Lord Jesus.

Aspirations before or after Confession.

My Lord and my God, I sincerely acknowledge myself a vile and wretched sinner, unworthy to appear in thy presence; but do thou have mercy on me, and save me.

Most loving Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am unworthy to be called thy child; make me as one of thy servants, and may I for the future be ever faithful to thee.

It truly grieves me, O my God, to have sinned, and so many times transgressed thy law: but wash me now from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

I detest my sins, O Lord: I abhor my wickedness. I confess my ingratitude, and seek refuge in thy mercy.

From this moment I purpose never more to offend thee: oh, let me suffer all kinds of pain and infamy

day, even death itself, rather than return to my former course of life, and live thy enemy.

O loving Father, assist me by thy grace, that I may bring forth worthy fruits of penance, and not suffer my sins to go unpunished.

Now, O Lord, I begin to live, not trusting in my own strength, or in the resolutions I make, but in the multitude of thy mercies. Perfect, O God, the work which thou hast begun in me. Thou hast given me peace and understanding; but, wretched sinner that I am, how ungratefully have I abused all thy gifts. And yet how with all the tenderness of a loving Father, thou recallest me from sin, and rescuest me from hell and everlasting damnation.

Alas! my soul is full of anguish and confusion at the recollection of the many sins whereby I have offended thee, my merciful Redeemer, made myself a slave to the devil, and provoked thy anger.

Oh, that I had never transgressed thy commandments, nor fallen into such an abyss of misery and calamity! Oh, that I had never sinned! Happy those souls who have preserved their innocence: oh, that I had been so happy!

But now I am resolved, with the help of thy grace, to be more watchful over myself, to amend my failings, and fulfil thy law. Look down on me with the eyes of mercy, O God, and blot out my sins.

Forgive me what is past, and, through thine infinite goodness, secure me, by thy grace, against all my wonted failings for the time to come.

My sins surpass in number the sands of the sea, and I confess myself, O Lord, unworthy of thy mercy; but thy goodness is above all my offences.

Thou hast declared, O Lord, that there is joy in heaven for the conversion of a sinner: grant me, then, the grace of true repentance, and let heaven rejoice at my amendment.

Thou wilt not the death of a sinner, but that he be converted and live; grant me, then, that spiritual life

which I need; for behold, O Lord, I sincerely desire to live to thee.

Thou didst come, O dear Redeemer, not to call the just, but sinners, to repentance; behold a miserable sinner here before thee: oh, draw me powerfully to thyself.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy; and, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my iniquities. Sprinkle me with thy precious blood, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let not thy precious blood, my dear Saviour, be shed for me in vain; but may it now bring forth in me the fruit of sincere repentance, and open to me the way to life everlasting.

How great is thy goodness, O Lord, in having so long spared such a worthless servant, and waited with so much patience for his amendment. What return shall I make for thy infinite mercies? Oh, let this mercy be added to the rest, that I may never more offend thee: this single favor I earnestly beg of thee, O Lord, viz. that I may for the future *renounce my own way to follow thine*.

Help me, O Lord my God, and have compassion on my sinful soul. Amen.

Directions for Confession.

Approach the confessional in an humble and contrite spirit, and, with your head and hands uncovered, kneel down by your confessor. Then, making the sign of the cross, say, *Benedicite*, or, "Father, give me thy blessing. After he has given the benediction, say the *Confiteor*, as far as the words, "*mea culpa*;" then say, "Since my last confession, I accuse myself of ——." Here name all the sins which you have recalled to mind since your last confession; and, in confessing them, be sure to observe these rules:

1. Let your confession be *entire*; i. e. do not knowingly conceal any one sin, otherwise, so far from obtaining absolution, you do but add to your sins. State the

kind of sins you have committed, and, as far as you can, their number; and mention any circumstances which you think aggravate the character of your sins: as, *e. g.* sins of thought are worse in church than out of it; anger may be felt for a longer or shorter time, or with more or less consent of the will; and so on.

2. Let your confession be *pure*. Let every thing be mentioned sincerely and exactly, without any disguise or dissimulation; let certain things be mentioned as certain, doubtful as doubtful. Avoid all excuses for yourself, either direct or indirect; and take the greatest care not to throw blame on any one else, or to mention or point at any third person. Avoid all superfluous words and matter, and every thing which does not directly concern the integrity of the confession. Be as concise as you can, consistently with fulness and candor.

3. Let your confession be *humble*, remembering that you are, in an especial manner, in the presence of God, from whom, through his priest, you are seeking and expecting pardon. The thought of God at this moment will be your best protection against all false shame, insincere trifling, and affectation.

After you have confessed all your sins, according to these rules, say, "For these and all my sins which I have ever at any time committed against God, my neighbor, or myself, I am heartily sorry, for the love of God; I purpose amendment, and seek pardon of God, and penance and absolution from thee, my ghostly Father; *Ideo precor*, or, Therefore I beseech, Blessed Mary." &c. to the end of the *Confiteor*.

Then listen attentively and humbly to the direction and advice of your confessor, and be fully resolved to do whatever he bids you to do, either in the way of penance, or restitution, or reparation, or for the avoiding of sin in future.

After Confession.

1. As soon after confession as you conveniently can, perform your penance, and renew your resolutions of

avoiding all sin, and of adopting all the means for so doing, by avoiding the occasions and temptations of sin; and then you may have a perfect confidence, with devout thankfulness, that all your sins, through the mercy of God, are forgiven.

2. Consider how you can amend your life. This will be best done by fixing your attention on one or two of your more prominent defects of character, and directing your chief efforts to overcome these by such means as the following:—1. Conceive a strong desire to overcome these faults, frequently renew your resolution, and examine yourself particularly upon them. 2. When you commit them, punish yourself in some way for it. 3. Endeavor always to have the thought of Christ present in your mind, and direct short prayers to him, especially when you are attacked by temptations, or when you are necessarily exposed to the danger of sinning. 4. Meditate frequently on those subjects most calculated to excite your fears, hopes, and affections, as death and judgment, the love of God, his kindnesses to you, his promises, &c. Be earnest, and persevere, with a good hope of victory, through the grace of Christ.

Prayers after Confession.

I.

Accept, O Lord, I beseech thee, this my confession, and mercifully pardon all my deficiencies, that, according to the greatness of thy mercy, I may be full and perfectly absolved in heaven; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, &c.

II.

O almighty and most merciful God, who, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, hast vouchsafed once more to receive this prodigal child, after so many times going astray from thee, and to

admit him to this sacrament of reconciliation. I give thee thanks with all the powers of my soul for this and all other mercies, graces, and blessings bestowed on me, the most unworthy of all sinners; and prostrating myself at thy sacred feet, I offer myself now to be henceforth forever thine. Oh! let nothing in life or death ever separate me from thee. I once more renounce with my whole soul all my treasons against thee, and all the abominations and sins of my past life. I renew my promises made in baptism, and from this moment I dedicate myself eternally to thy love and service. Oh! grant that for the time to come I may ever fly and abhor sin more than death itself, and avoid all such occasions and companies as have unhappily brought me to it. I resolve henceforth to fly them all, by thy divine grace, without which, of myself, I can do nothing. I resolve to perform such and such devotions for obtaining this grace. I resolve to fly idleness, and to set myself a regular order and method of life, for the time I have yet to come. I beg thy blessing upon these my resolutions, that they may not be ineffectual, like so many others I have formerly made; for, O Lord, without thee I am nothing but misery and sin. Supply, also, by thy mercy, whatever defects have been in this my confession. I am sensible that it hath been very imperfect, and that I was far from having that true sorrow which the heinousness of my sins required; but let the precious blood of thine only Son make up this deficiency. Accept of my poor performance, such as it is, and give me grace to be now and always a true penitent, through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son. Amen.

A PROTESTATION.

Recommended by St. Francis of Sales, to be made by the penitent in the presence of his Director, by way of engraving in his soul a firm resolution of serving God. It may be used also in private.

I, N. N., placed in the presence of the eternal God, and of all the court of heaven, having considered the exceeding mercy of his divine goodness towards me, a most unworthy and wretched creature, whom he hath made out of nothing, preserved, maintained, and delivered from so many dangers, and loaded with so many benefits; but, above all, having considered the incomprehensible sweetness and clemency with which this most good God hath so graciously spared me in my iniquities, so frequently called upon me, inviting me to amend, and so patiently expected my repentance and conversion until this present time, notwithstanding all my ingratitude, disloyalty, and infidelity, whereby deferring my conversion, and despising his graces, I have so unadvisedly offended him; having, moreover, considered that, upon the day of my holy baptism, I was so happily and holily vowed and dedicated to my God to be his child; and that, contrary to the profession then made in my name, I have so many times, so execrably and detestably, profaned and violated all the powers of my soul and senses of my body, applying and employing them against his divine Majesty; at length, returning to myself, prostrate in heart and mind before the throne of the divine justice, I acknowledge, confess, and avow myself lawfully attainted and convicted of high treason against his divine Majesty, and guilty of the death and passion of Jesus Christ, by reason of the sins which I have committed, for which he died, and

suffered the torments of the cross; so that I am worthy to be cast away, and condemned forever.

But turning myself towards the throne of the infinite mercy of the same eternal God, having detested, from the bottom of my heart and with all my power, the many transgressions of my past life; I most humbly beg and crave pardon, grace, and mercy, with an entire absolution from my offences, by virtue of the death and passion of the same Saviour and Redeemer of my soul; on which relying, as on the only foundation of my hope, I confirm again and renew the sacred profession of allegiance made in my behalf to God at my baptism; renouncing the devil, the world, and the flesh; abominating their horrible suggestions, vanities, and concupiscences, for all the time of this present life, and for all eternity. And converting myself unto my most gracious and merciful God, I desire, purpose, determine, and resolve irrevocably to serve and love him now and forever. And to this end I give and consecrate to him my spirit with all its faculties, my soul with all its powers, my heart with all its affections, and my body with all its senses; protesting that I will never more abuse any part of my being against his divine will and sovereign Majesty; to whom I offer up and sacrifice myself in spirit to be perpetually a loyal, obedient, and faithful creature, without ever unsaying, revoking, or repenting me of this resolution.

But if, alas! by the suggestion of the enemy, or through human frailty, I chance to transgress, in any thing whatsoever, this my purpose and resolution, I protest and determine from this very hour, by the assistance of the Holy Ghost, to arise again

as soon as I shall perceive my fall, and to return anew to the divine mercy, without any delay or protraction whatsoever. This is my will, intention, and resolution, inviolable and irrevocable, which I profess and confirm without reservation or exception, in the same sacred presence of my God, and in sight of the whole triumphant Church, and in the face of the Church militant my mother [who hears this my declaration, in the presence of him who, as her officer, hears me in this action].

May it please thee, O my eternal God, almighty and gracious Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to confirm me in this my resolution, and to accept this inward sacrifice of my heart, in the odor of sweetness. And as it hath pleased thee to give me inspiration and will to do this, so grant me power and grace to perform it. O my God, thou art my God, the God of my heart, the God of my soul, and the God of my spirit. So I acknowledge and adore thee now and forever. Live, O Jesus!

A Thanksgiving after Confession.

I return unto thee, O Lord Jesus, and give thee thanks that thou hast been pleased to cleanse me from the foul leprosy of my sins. Blessed be thy Name, O Lord, forever and ever. Truly thou art a Saviour who rejectest none that come unto thee seriously desiring to repent, but receivest them into thy favor, and numberest them with thy children. I acknowledge and adore thy mercy, and dedicate myself wholly to thy service hereafter. Assist my weakness, and suffer me not again to fall into my past sins and be separated from thee; but so bind my heart and soul to thee with the cords of thy

love, that I may say with the Apostle, *Who shall separate me from the love of Christ?*

Psalms lxxxiv., cii., pp. 898, 605, may also be used here

Instructions and Devotions for Communion.

Let a man prove (or try) himself, says St. Paul (1 Cor. xi. 28), and so eat of that bread, and drink of that chalice. This proving or trying one's self is the first and most necessary preparation for the holy Communion; and consists in looking diligently into the state of one's soul, in order to discover what indispositions or sins may lie there concealed, and to apply a proper remedy to them, by sincere repentance and confession; lest otherwise, approaching the Holy of Holies with a soul defiled with the guilt of mortal sin, we become "guilty of the body and blood of Christ, and receive judgment to ourselves, not discerning the Lord's body," (1 Cor. xi.) For this reason we go to confession before Communion, in order to clear our souls from the filth of sin.

The person that is to receive the blessed sacrament must be also fasting, at least from midnight, by the command of the Church, and by a most ancient and apostolical tradition, ordaining, that in reference to so great a sacrament, nothing should enter into the body of a Christian before the body of Christ. The case of danger of approaching death is excepted, when the blessed sacrament is received by way of *viaticum*.

Besides this preparation of confession and fasting, the person that proposes to go to Communion must endeavor to attain the best devotion he is able, in order to dispose his soul for worthily receiving so great a guest. To this end he is recommended:

1. To think well on the great work he has in hand; to

consider attentively who it is he is going to receive and how far he is from deserving such a favor; and to implore, with fervor and humility, God's grace and mercy. And this should be the subject of his meditations and prayers for some days beforehand, and more particularly the night before his Communion, and the morning he receives.

2. To propose to himself a pure intention, viz., the honor of God, and the health of his own soul; and in particular, that by worthily receiving Christ in this heavenly sacrament he may come to a happy union with him, according to that of S. John, vi. 57, "He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, abideth in me, and I in him."

3. To meditate on the sufferings and death of his Redeemer; this sacrament being instituted to this end, that we should "show forth the death of Christ until he come" (1 Cor. xi. 26).

4. To prepare himself by acts of virtue, more especially of faith, love, and humility; that so he may approach to his Lord with a firm belief of his real presence in this sacrament, and of that great sacrifice which he heretofore offered upon the cross for our redemption, of which he here makes us partakers; with an ardent affection of love to him who has loved us so much, and who, out of pure love, gives himself to us; and with a great sentiment of his own unworthiness and sins, joined with a firm confidence in the mercies of his Redeemer.

Here follow one or two forms and methods of preparation for the holy Communion. They should be used as *aids* to the exercise of our thoughts and the kindling of our affections, and not as substitutes for our own efforts. They point out the proper line of thought and subjects for reflection, and if used carefully and meditatively, will be found of great assistance. But no forms, however perfect in themselves, would be good for us without much care and effort on our own parts. More than one form is given, as a variety is useful for different minds, and also for the same mind at different times.

A MEDITATION BEFORE COMMUNION.

Consider, 1st, that Jesus Christ our Lord, whom we receive in this blessed sacrament, is called in Scripture

"the Lamb which was slain from the beginning of the world" (Apocalypse xiii. 8), because, from the very beginning of the world, there was no way of coming at God's mercy or grace but by faith in a Redeemer to come, and by the merits of his future death and passion. Hence Christ crucified was, from the beginning of the world, the great object of the devotion of the patriarchs and prophets: for him they constantly sighed; him they regarded in all their sacrifices; which were indeed so many figures of him, and of his death. All these figures were to have an end when Christ himself, the very Truth, came in person into the world, and offered himself upon the cross, a sacrifice for the sins of the world. But still his death and passion is to be the perpetual object of the devotion of all his children and servants, even to the end of the world; not now as prefigured in shadows and types, but as commemorated and celebrated in the eucharistic sacrifice and sacrament, containing and exhibiting in very truth our great High Priest and Victim, Jesus Christ. For the ancient figures have now passed away, and the truth has succeeded in their place; and that same fountain of all sanctity, who of old communicated himself to his servants spiritually by faith, now gives himself to us verily and indeed in these heavenly mysteries. For this manner of communicating himself was best becoming the new law; which is a law of love, a law of grace, and a law of truth. O my soul! admire and adore the riches of the bounty and goodness of thy God and Saviour, who gives thee in this sacrament so great a gift, that heaven itself has nothing greater. Embrace his love, but let it be with a suitable return of love; and see thou prepare thyself worthily to receive so great a visit. Oh, take care to open wide thy heart, that it may be capable of holding those treasures which he brings with him, and which he desires to impart to thee.

Consider, 2dly, the figures by which God was pleased in the Old Testament to foreshow this sacrament; especially these three, the tree of life, the paschal lamb, and

the manna from heaven. The *tree of life*, which God planted in the midst of the earthly paradise, had that excellent property, that if sin had not banished us from that happy abode, by feeding on the fruit of it we should have been maintained in a constant vigor, strength, and health, and have never died. How well does the blessed eucharist answer this noble figure ! in which we feed upon life itself in its very fountain, and by frequently and worthily approaching to it, receive a copious and constant supply of heavenly grace for the maintaining of the vigor, strength, and health of the soul : that so we may never incur the second death, but may pass from life to life ; from the life of grace to the life of glory ; from life concealed under sacramental veils, to life seen and enjoyed, without shadow or change, for all eternity.

The *paschal lamb*, which was first offered in sacrifice to God on the evening in which the children of Israel were delivered from the bondage of Egypt, and then was, by God's command, eaten by all the faithful, was also a figure of the blessed eucharist, and of the true Lamb of God, there communicated to us ; even that Lamb, which was first offered in sacrifice for our eternal redemption from the bondage of the infernal Pharaoh, and is now received by all the faithful in these heavenly mysteries, for a perpetual commemoration of this our redemption, and a daily application of the fruit of it to our souls. Oh, let us confidently run to this Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world ! Let us receive with all affection this Christian passover. Let us embrace this victim of our redemption, this new sacrifice of the new covenant, the covenant of life and of love ! Let us sprinkle ourselves with this blood of the New Testament, that so the destroying angel may have no power to hurt us.

Another figure of the blessed eucharist was the *manna from heaven*, with which the children of Israel were wonderfully fed during their forty years' sojourning in the wilderness, before their coming to the land of prom

be. This food was in many ways miraculous, but nothing in comparison with that living bread, that bread of life, which is given us in the divine mysteries; which comes down from heaven in order to carry us thither to the true land of promise, the land of the living; and which nourishes our souls to life eternal. O heavenly manna! O bread of angels! Thou art my true and only support during this my mortal pilgrimage. Oh, let my soul always hunger after thee! Let me ever relish thy hidden sweetness!

Consider, 3dly, the mysteries which we celebrate in this thrice blessed sacrament and sacrifice. Here the whole passion and death of Christ is solemnly acted, as a most sacred tragedy by himself in person. Here the Lamb of God presents himself as slain to his eternal Father; and his blood most powerfully pleads in our behalf. Here the death of our Lord, the fountain of all our good, plentifully flows into our souls, and ever lives and brings forth in us the fruit of life. Here the triumphs of our crucified King, his victorious resurrection and glorious ascension, are displayed. Here we receive an assurance of the share that we have in Christ and in his redemption. Here we partake of his Body and of his Spirit. Here we drink of the fountain of life. Here all the members of Christ are happily united with one another, and with their head, in a sacrament of union and love. Here, in fine, we have a most certain pledge of everlasting life, and of the eternal enjoyment of him in our blessed country, who thus lovingly gives himself to us in this place of banishment. O my soul, reverence with awe, and embrace with love, these mysteries, so full of majesty and of love. The High Priest of the Old Testament was but once a year to enter into the inward sanctuary of the temple, called the Holy of Holies; and then not without divers purifications and sacrifices, and a solemn fast of all Israel. See, then, how pure, how holy, thou oughtest to be, who so often art admitted into the sanctuary of the New Testament,—that is, to these divine mysteries, sanctified by the presence of Jesus

Christ himself, the true Holy of Holies, of which *that* Jewish sanctuary was but a shadow.

Consider, therefore, 4thly, that what most especially calls for our devotion in these most holy mysteries is the real presence of Jesus Christ himself, true God and true man, under the sacramental veils. Bow thyself down, **my** soul, to adore this sacred truth; let no proud thoughts of opposition arise in thee against this admirable sacrament; captivate thy understanding to the obedience of faith; build thyself upon the express words of Truth itself, so often repeated in holy writ, and upon the express declaration of the Church of God, against which the gates of hell can never prevail. The glory and merit of faith is to believe what thou canst not see; to acknowledge that the Almighty can do infinitely more than thou canst comprehend; and that no effort of mercy and love can be too great for him who has died for love. See, then, what thy devotion ought to be in consequence of this belief; what profound reverence to so great a Lord, who lies concealed in these tremendous mysteries: what purity of conscience, in order to approach worthily to purity itself; what humility, what love, when thou art admitted to his embraces!

Consider, 5thly, how many ways thy Lord and thy God, the Sovereign Good, who delights to be with the children of men (Prov. viii. 31), communicates himself to thee. In his incarnation and birth he gave himself to be thy companion, and to take upon him all thy miseries. In his death he gave himself to be thy ransom. In this heavenly sacrament he gives himself to be thy food, the comfort and support of thy exile; and in his kingdom above, he designs to give himself for thy eternal reward. Oh, what can he do more to testify his love to thee. As wise as he is, he cannot contrive any thing better for thee; as powerful as he is, he cannot do more for thee than give thee himself. Oh, how true is that saying of the beloved disciple, that God is love! But what dost thou see in me, dear Lord, that can move thee to love such a poor worm, such a wretched sinner,

as I am? There can be nothing good in me but what is thy gracious gift: and, alas! I fear I have hitherto abused all thy gifts. It is, then, thy own pure goodness alone that can make thee love me; and thy pure love alone that can make thee communicate thyself to me. Oh, let me, then, be no longer ungrateful to thy love! Let thy divine fire, which thou so much desirest to enkindle upon earth, take hold now of my heart, that I may return thee love for love! Oh, send it now into my soul, that it may prepare for thee a suitable lodging here! Oh, let me henceforward give myself wholly to thee, who so often givest thyself to me!

Consider, 6thly, who it is that thou art to receive in this blessed sacrament, and who thou art that presumest to approach him. He is the great King and Maker of heaven and earth, and the whole creation is as nothing in his sight. He is eternal, immense, and every way infinite in power, in majesty, in beauty, in wisdom, in glory; and thou art but a diminutive worm, made of earth, and full of miseries. He is infinitely pure and holy, in whose sight the very heavens are not clean, and who cannot endure iniquity; and thou art infested with the leprosy of sin. How, then, my soul, shall we dare venture to enter into this inward sanctuary, to draw near the throne of this infinite Majesty, and, unclean as we are, to touch and receive the Holy of Holies? Oza was struck dead for irreverently touching the ark of the covenant; the Bethshamites, for irreverently looking on it; Nadab and Abihu, for offering incense before it with unhallowed fire: and what was this ark (in which were only deposited the tables of the law) in comparison with the Lord and Giver of the law, whom we here approach to? When God was about to give the law, the children of Israel were commanded to be purified, and to keep themselves chaste; and even then to keep at a distance from the mountain, where the Lord appeared in thunder and lightning: only Moses was permitted to ascend to the mountain-top, to converse with the divine Majesty, or rather with an angel speaking in his person

And how shall we, with so little purity, dare to approach this infinite and all-holy Deity, this consuming fire! How shall we, the most unworthy of all sinners, presume to receive this Lord of glory? Must we stay away till we have the presumption to think ourselves worthy? No, certainly; for one of the most necessary dispositions for receiving worthily is to acknowledge and believe our own unworthiness. Or must we, through awe and fear of so great a Majesty, abstain forever from partaking of these tremendous mysteries? No; for it is no less certain death to stay away from the fountain of life, than to come to it unworthily. What, then, must we do, my soul? We will not run away from our Sovereign Good. No; we will run to him, but it shall be like the humble publican, like the poor prodigal returning home, like the penitent Magdalen: such as these he never rejects. It shall be with a contrite and humble heart, which he never despises; it shall be with an entire confidence in his infinite goodness and mercy, for no one ever hoped in him and was confounded. Oh, grant us, dear Lord, to approach thee with these good dispositions! and since thou art pleased to invite thyself into so poor, so mean, so wretched a habitation as this of my breast, be pleased first to infuse those graces, those virtues, those dispositions, which may prepare the place for thee; for thou knowest that of myself I can do nothing.

Consider, 7thly, the happy fruits which this divine sacrament produces in those souls which frequent it with due preparation. "The bread that I will give," says our Lord (S. John vi. 52), "is my flesh, for the life of the world." And again, "He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath everlasting life, and I will raise him up in the last day." And again, "He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, abideth in me, and I in him." And "He that eateth me shall live by me." And "He that eateth this bread shall live forever." Wheresoever our Lord comes, he carries about with him all the treasures of life, that is, all grace, love, and holiness; and on his part is ever ready to open these

asures, and to communicate them to those souls which he comes to visit. These treasures are infinite, and so is the love which he bears to us. What gifts, then, what graces may we not expect, if we come with reverence and humility, with love and devotion, to him who is the fountain of life! Here we receive the bread of life for the food and nourishment of our souls. Here we meet with a constant supply of grace, to repair the daily decays caused by our infirmity and corruption; to give us new strength and vigor to walk on in our way through the wilderness of this world to the mountain of God; and to make us continually grow in virtue, till we come to a perfect man, to the measure of the fulness of Christ. Here devout souls taste the sweetness of heaven in its very fountain. Here, seated like Magdalen, at the feet of our Lord, they learn from him heavenly lessons, and enjoy his delicious conversation. Aspire after this happiness, O Christian souls, which in some measure makes you enjoy heaven upon earth. If you love Jesus Christ, run to his embraces; if you love yourself, run to your Sovereign Good. But see it be with due preparation, and most especially with faith, with reverence, and with love.

First Method.

DEVOTIONS BEFORE COMMUNION.

An Act of Faith.

My Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I firmly believe that in this blessed sacrament thou art present verily and indeed; I believe that here are thy body and blood, thy soul and divinity. I acknowledge these truths; I believe these wonders; I adore thy power, which hath wrought them; I praise thy infinite goodness, which

hath prepared them for me; with David, "I will praise thee, my God, with my whole heart, and will recount all thy admirable works; I will rejoice in thee, and bless thy holy name." In this faith, and with this acknowledgment, I approach this adorable banquet, wherein thou bestowest on me the divine food of thy body and blood. Grant, O blessed Jesus, that I may approach thee with such a profound sense of reverence and humility as is due to thy infinite Majesty. Grant, O Lord, that I may now receive thee with a pure heart, a clean conscience, and a sincere and lively faith. Pardon my sins, which have rendered me most unworthy to approach thee: I hate them, because they are displeasing to thee, my God; I renounce them forever, and promise to be faithful to thee. Take courage, my soul, raise thyself up; go and receive thy God, and with him all the favors he hath prepared for thee in this most divine sacrament.

An Act of Hope.

In thee, O Jesus, do I place all my hope, because thou alone art my salvation, my strength, my refuge, and the foundation of all my happiness; and were it not for the confidence I place in thy merits, and in the precious blood wherewith thou didst redeem me, I would not presume to partake of this banquet. Encouraged by thy goodness, I come to thee as a poor and infirm sheep to its shepherd; as a sick man to his physician; as a condemned criminal to his powerful intercessor: that, as the true shepherd of my soul, thou mayest strengthen me; heal me, as my physician; and, as my merciful advocate, deliver me from the sentence of sin and death. I, who am an abyss of nothing, invoke thee, who art the abyss of all goodness; for though my sins are innumerable, and very grievous, yet they are but light and trivial when compared to thy boundless mercy, and the infinite ransom of thy blood. Have pity, therefore, on me, O Jesus, and save me, for thou forsakest none that put their trust in thee.

An Act of Charity.

How strong was the force of thy love my dear Redeemer, when, being about to depart out of this world to thy eternal Father, thou providedst for us this divine banquet, enriched with all heavenly sweetness. It was through the wonderful effects of thy divine goodness that thou didst humble thyself to such an excess for our redemption, as to take upon thee the infirmity of our nature. And is it not through an infinite excess of thy love, that thou hast left us thy body and blood for the food and nourishment of our souls; that, as thou didst unite thyself to our humanity, so we might here be made partakers of thy divinity? In return for this thy infinite love, I desire to love thee, O Lord Jesus, who art my only comfort in this place of banishment, the only hope of my infirm soul, and my happiness, above all else that I can enjoy. Make me to love thee, my God, with my whole heart, with my whole soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength; that as every moment is an increase of my life, so it may be also of my love towards thee. I desire, with all the affections and powers of my soul, that as the utmost thanks are due, so they may be returned to thee, by all the faithful, for this divine food, which is our refreshment, support, strength, armor, and defence in all our dangers and distresses; and that my love may never cease, inflame my heart with the fire of heaven, that it may continue burning, till nature and corruption being weakened and consumed, I may be wholly transformed into thee. Come, O Lord, hasten to release me from the bonds of sin, and prepare me for the blessings thou art now about to bestow on me.

An Act of Desire

As the wearied hart thirsts after the fountains of water, so doth my soul pant after thee, my Saviour, my Lord, and my God. It ardently longs to drink of those fountains which thy love hath opened for its comfort and relief. Tired with my own evil ways, I return hungry

and thirsty, crying out aloud, Have mercy on me, O Son of God, and permit me to taste of thy banquet, that my soul may be refreshed. Oh, that my soul did truly hunger after thee, the bread of angels, the food of blessed souls, and that all that is within me might be delighted with the taste of thy sweetness! I here despise all human consolations, that I may be comforted by thee, my only good, my God and Saviour, whom I love above all things, and desire to entertain within my breast, with as much devotion and affection as is conceived by thy chosen servants, who now sit at thy table of celestial bliss. And however I may have been hitherto wanting in my duty, or unjust to thee, in misplacing my affections, I desire forever to renounce my folly and weakness, and from my heart request that, for the future, my joy, my relief, my treasure, and rest, may be entirely centered in thee. May I never desire any thing besides thee; and may all things seem contemptible and as nothing without thee, O my God.

An Act of Thanksgiving.

Who am I, O God of infinite goodness, that thou shouldst permit me to partake of this bread of angels? How have I found such favor in thy sight, as to be the object of so unspeakable a mercy? Come, all ye angels and saints of God, and I will recount to you what great things our Lord hath done for my soul. He hath raised me out of the dust, and delivered me from the bonds of sin; he hath told me not to be dejected, for that he himself will be my support and my strength; and though I have most unworthily forsaken him by my repeated follies, yet behold he calls me once more, and invites me to partake of the bread of life, that, as he made me, so I may ever live by him. What thanks can I give thee, O merciful Jesus, Saviour of the world? What return shall I make thee for all thou hast done for my soul? Were I to give all I have in acknowledgment of thy love, it would still be as nothing for thou, Lord, hast plentifully poured forth thyself upon me, and given me

even all that thou art; and if, in thanksgiving for thy mercies, I were to lay before thee my body and soul, my life, liberty, and all I possess, what would they be, when compared to the blessings thou hast here bestowed on me; what to the debt I owe, which is in some kind equal to what I receive, infinite as thyself? Thou hast mercifully given thyself to me, for the food of my soul, and now behold I offer thee all that I have, all that I am, all that I possess; to thee I make a full surrender of them all, that, being wholly thine, I may now no longer have any part in myself.

An Act of Humility.

In fervor of spirit and humility of heart I approach thy holy altar, O my God, to implore thy mercy and assistance. I adore thee, divine Jesus, really present in this sacred host; I acknowledge my unworthiness to receive thee; yet encouraged by thy goodness, I venture to follow the impulse of my heart, which powerfully attracts me to thee. "O Lord of Hosts, how lovely are thy tabernacles; my soul longeth and fainteth" for thy possession; for "blessed is the man that trusteth in thee." Thou art the God of all glory; and what am I, and what should I have been, hadst thou not raised me from the grave of sin? Alas! without thee, my soul is a barren land, fertile only in the production of weeds and brambles; but with patient love thou hast come to my assistance, saying, "Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice, for I, the Lord, have done great things" for thee. Ah, merciful Lord! what hast thou left undone to secure my happiness? And now, forgetful of all my past ingratitude, thou invitest me to thy sacred banquet. I come, then, with confidence, because "thou art my God, and hast heard me, and art become my salvation." Oh, "what shall I render unto thee, O Lord, for all thou hast rendered unto me? I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon thy name. I will pay my vows to thee before all thy people; for I am thy servant." I have strayed far from thee, my God, and thou hast dis-

played the wonders of thy mercy, by recalling me from my wanderings. Oh, perfect thy work of love, by preserving me from ever again forsaking the path of thy commandments; "teach me to do thy will," and strengthen me to fulfil it perfectly.

Humbled, O Lord, at the view of my many miseries, and convinced of my weakness; yet animated with a sincere desire to employ the remainder of my years in repairing my past ingratitude; I fervently implore thy powerful assistance, for, "strengthened by thee, I can do all things;" with humble confidence I approach thy altar, "for with thee is the fountain of life, and in thy light I shall see light." Come, then, O blessed Jesus, to take possession of my heart, in thy adorable sacrament. Come, and give efficacy to my resolution, of living henceforth but for thee, and of devoting all my faculties to the promotion of thy glory. Establish thy dwelling in my soul, that, fertilized by the dew of thy grace, it may produce a rich harvest of holiness and virtue. May thy love be the end of my existence, and the only motive of all my actions; may it be my guide amidst the dangers of that world wherein thy will hath cast my lot; may it be my light in perplexities, and my counsel in doubts; may it forcibly detach my affections from the things of this world. O adorable Jesus, can there be any real comfort but in thy service; any unalloyed happiness but in the possession of thee? May I henceforth prove my conviction of this truth by constant fervor and undeviating fidelity! Amen.

A Prayer before Receiving.

I approach thy banquet, O Jesus, having nothing to confide in but thy goodness and mercy, being of myself a sinner, destitute of all virtue. I hasten to thee, most compassionate Physician, the fountain of all goodness, that I may be healed. I fly under the wings of thy merciful protection, hoping thou wilt be my Saviour, though I dare not appear before thee as my Judge. To thee I expose all my wounds, to thee I discover all my

shame. My sins, I confess, are so many and great as to make me despair, if thou didst not encourage me to hope in thy mercies, which are infinite. Look, therefore, on me with the eyes of compassion, O Lord Jesus Christ, eternal King, God and Man, who wast crucified for the sins of men. Have mercy on me, thou inexhaustible fountain of goodness. Hail, saving Victim, offered on the cross for me and all mankind! Hail, generous and precious blood, flowing from thy wounds, O Jesus, and washing away the sins of the world! Remember thy creature, O Lord, whom thou hast redeemed by thy death. I am truly sorry for my offences, of which I am resolved to amend. Wash away, therefore, all my sins, and blot out my iniquities, that, purified in soul and body, I may worthily approach the Holy of Holies; and grant that thy precious body and blood, which I now, though unworthy, am about to receive, may avail to a full discharge from the guilt of all my crimes, a victory over my evil thoughts, the beginning of a new life, the seed of good works, and a sure protection of soul and body against all the snares of my enemies.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION.

An Act of Thanksgiving.

I return thee thanks, O eternal Father, for having, out of thy pure mercy, without any desert of mine, been pleased to feed my soul with the body and blood of thine only Son; and beseech thee that this holy communion may not be to my condemnation, but available to the effectual remission of all my sins. May it strengthen my faith; encourage me in the practice of good works; deliver me from all evil habits and sinful desires; perfect me in charity, patience, humility, obedience, and all other virtues. May it secure me against all the snares of my enemies visible and invisible; closely unite me to thee, the only true God, and finally settle

me in unchangeable bliss, by admitting me, though an unworthy sinner, to be a guest at that divine banquet, where thou, with the Son and the Holy Ghost, art the true light, eternal fulness, everlasting joy, and perfect happiness of all the saints: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

1) tender and compassionate Lord Jesus, my God and my Saviour, thou art really present in my heart. Humbled before thee, I adore thee with all the powers of my soul, and love thee with all the affections of my heart. When I consider the splendors of thy awful Majesty, I scarcely dare to lift my eyes to thee; but yet thy goodness encourages me to speak to thee of my wants, and open my heart in all confidence before thee. How can I become weary of repeating that I love thee, or more nobly employ the faculties with which thou hast gifted me, than in proclaiming thy praises, and proving my boundless gratitude for thy mercies? My highest ambition is to attain the perfection of thy love; and for this I earnestly pray to thee, reminding thee of thy own promise, that "whatsoever we ask in prayer, believing, we shall receive." Grant me the spirit of perfect obedience to thy commands, and constant fidelity to thy inspirations; as well as a lively horror, not only of grievous sin, but of every deliberate fault, however small. Assisted by thy grace, O divine Jesus, I desire to offer thee the homage of a heart submissive to thy will; of sincere piety, founded on charity towards thee and my neighbor; of purity of intention in all my actions, and constant recollection of thy divine presence. Thus may I hope to bring forth fruits worthy of eternal life, for thou hast declared that it is only "those who do thy will who shall enter the kingdom of heaven." Shall not so glorious a promise animate my zeal? Happy those who obtain admittance to that abode of peace and glory, where our "God shall wipe away all tears, and death shall be no more; no mourning, nor crying, nor sorrow, shall be any more." Even in this life, thou givest a faint idea of the happy

thou hast prepared for those who love thee, filling
 our souls with a peace which the world cannot give or
 take away. What felicity awaits us, when we shall see
 thee face to face, and through a long eternity share thy
 glory ! From my heart, I now exclaim, with those who
 are prostrate before thy eternal throne, "I give thee
 thanks, O Lord God Almighty, who art, and who wast,
 and who art to come ; because thou hast taken to thee
 great power, and hast reigned." O divine Jesus, reign
 in my heart forever, as my King and sovereign Mas-
 ter. Command my desires, subdue my passions, and
 render my will submissive to thine. I sincerely desire
 to prove my love for thee ; and how can I do so more
 effectually, than by embracing thy will on all occasions ?
 The thought of the happy eternity which awaits me
 shall animate my hope, and the remembrance of thy
 eternal love shall impel me to embrace without hesita-
 tion whatever thou shalt command. My study shall be
 to know thy will, my consolation to adore it, and my joy
 to fulfil it perfectly. O my God, vouchsafe ever to
 guide me by thy holy Spirit, for "if thy wisdom be not
 with me, I shall be nothing." Thou hast fed me with
 thy sacred body and blood, that, united to thee, I may
 love thee more fervently, "ever follow that which is good
 towards all men," and adhere to thee, who "art the
 way, the truth, and the life." My King, my God, and
 my Saviour, may I be faithful to thy graces, may I cor-
 respond with thy mercy, may my actions be ever ani-
 mated by that spirit of faith and love, which will render
 them acceptable in thy sight, and ensure me a share in
 the happiness promised to those who faithfully persevere
 to the end in thy love and service. Amen.

An Act of Adoration.

I praise and glorify thy blessed name, O my God, for
 the many favors thou hast now bestowed on me, and
 for all the blessings wherewith thou hast enriched my
 soul, after the many miseries and wants I have suffered,
 when, by my pleasures and passions, I had departed

from thee. In thy great goodness, thou didst withdraw me from the precipice whither I was running; enlightening me with thy beams, and, by the inspirations of thy grace, inviting me to return. Thou hast pardoned all my sins; and, to crown all these favors, thou hast now come to visit me, that thou mightest abide in me, and I in thee. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and let all that inhabit me bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He hath forgiven thee all thy iniquities, and healed all thy infirmities. He hath redeemed thy life from destruction, and crowned thee with mercy and compassion. He hath satisfied thy hunger with good things, and replenished thee with all thou couldst desire. And oughtest thou not to resolve upon a change of life, and, renewing thy strength, grow young like the eagle in his service? Let thy grace, O Lord, be ever at hand to assist me; for the experience of my weakness makes me fearful; and if thou support me not, I shall certainly fall again. Be thou, therefore, my shield and defence. Grant me a firm and constant faith; and strengthen it not only with respect to this mystery, but all other Christian truths and principles of eternal life; that, by the help thereof, I may overcome all such difficulties as I may have to encounter in my journey to that state of bliss for which I was created; and that I may follow the faith of those who, for my example, have gone before me, have triumphed over their enemies, done justice, and obtained the promises.

Of Hope.

I adore thy infinite greatness, O divine Majesty, who dost both heaven and earth, and art adored by all the blessed spirits, angels, and saints, who, without ceasing, praise and cry out before thee, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth." Is it possible thou shouldst condescend to visit the most unworthy of all thy servants, and desire to dwell within him? If the heavens, nay, the heaven of heavens, cannot contain thee, how much less

his habitation, which I have prepared for my reception. Thou knowest, O blessed Jesus, how to conceal the dazzling splendor of thy glory, and condescend to our weak capacity, that so thou mayest communicate thyself to us the more freely. This thou didst not only at the time of thy adorable incarnation, when thou madest thyself like to us, the more forcibly to attract our love to thee; but also when thou didst institute this mystery, wherein thou gavest thyself to us for the food and nourishment of our souls, the more closely to unite us to thyself, and make us aspire to that celestial banquet thou hast prepared for the blessed in heaven. O God, grant me the grace so eagerly to long after this eternal banquet, that the desire of hereafter enjoying it may make me despise all the goods and pleasures of this life, and labor incessantly to prepare myself, till I am happily admitted amongst its guests. I now desire to wean my heart entirely from all irregular and corrupt affections, that I may place my whole love and confidence in thee alone. For this end, I am firmly resolved to watch over all my actions, to flee from sin, and avoid whatever may be displeasing to thee. I will labor to work out my salvation by observing thy precepts, and as I have resolved, so I hope to be faithful to thee; but this resolution I acknowledge myself unable to perform without the help of thy grace, which I most humbly implore. O Jesus, save me; conduct me through the ways of thy commandments, in which I now begin to walk, with courage and perseverance. Incline my heart to love thy divine truths; divert my eyes from beholding vain objects; refresh and strengthen me in the paths of holiness, and attract me so powerfully to thyself, that I may at last follow thee to heaven, where thou livest and reignest for all eternity.

An Oblation.

What pledge can I give, O my Saviour, as an earnest of the love which I have now engaged to thee? I have nothing worthy of thee, and if I had, I have nothing but

what is thine; but such is thy goodness, that thou art content to accept from us what is already thine own. Wherefore, behold, I here offer to thee my body and soul, which are both now sanctified by thy divine presence; I consecrate them to thee forever, since thou hast chosen them for thy temple; my body to be continually employed in thy service, and never more to become an instrument of sin; my soul to know thee, to love thee and be evermore faithful to thee. Bless, O Lord, the offering which I here make thee. "Bless, O Lord, this house." Permit not my body to be any more defiled with sensual delights, nor my soul by a will to commit any mortal sin; for, as I am now resolved to serve thee with body and soul, I will labor to correct their evil inclinations. I will declare war against myself, renounce all my vain pleasures, my passion, my pride, my self-love, my own will, and whatever else may offend thee

A Prayer for Perseverance.

Preserve, O Lord, forever in my soul, the holy resolutions wherewith thou hast now inspired me, and grant me grace faithfully to put them in execution. Without thy aid I can do nothing; I therefore earnestly crave thy assistance, to conquer all the difficulties I may meet with in the way of my salvation. Regard me with the eyes of thy mercy; have compassion on my weakness; and strengthen me daily with thy grace.

O glorious Virgin, unite with me in giving thanks to thy beloved Son, who hath restored me to his grace, and refreshed my soul with the banquet of his most precious body. Offer him all the grateful service thou didst him in this life, to supply the defects of my devotion; and obtain of him that he depart not from me without leaving a large benediction behind him for my soul.

O all ye holy angels, ministering spirits of God, behold the only Son of the eternal Father, whom you adored at his entrance into the world. Intercede with him in my behalf, that I may henceforth serve him with

the same spirit and truth wherewith you ministered to him whilst he remained on earth and with the same cheerfulness wherewith you now obey him in his heavenly kingdom. O all ye men and women, saints of God, behold here within my breast your Lord, the source and reward of all your sanctity and grace, and let your prayers be joined with mine; that by his grace I may follow your steps in the exact performance of every duty, till, abounding in good works, I may at length be admitted into your society, and possess my Jesus for all eternity.

To your Patron Saint.

O great Saint N, whose name has [or names have] been conferred upon me, and under whose patronage I have placed myself, obtain for me grace to fulfil the holy resolutions I have this day made. Help me, by thy powerful intercession, to lead a life conformable to the sacred character I have received, and to imitate the virtues for which thou wast so remarkable. Protect me through all the perils of life, and abandon me not at the awful hour of death. Amen.

The Conclusion.

Graciously hear all my prayers, O good Jesus; hide me within thy wounds, and there protect me from all my enemies. Oh, let nothing ever separate me from thee. Call me to thee at the hour of my death, that, with thy saints, I may praise thee forever. And now, Lord Jesus, go from thee for a while, but I trust not without thee, who art my comfort and the ultimate happiness of my soul. To thy love and protection I recommend myself, as well as my brethren, my relatives, my country, my friends, and my enemies. Love us, O Lord, change our hearts, and transform us into thyself. May I be wholly employed in thee and for thee; and may thy love be the end of all my thoughts, words, and actions, who live and reignest forever and ever. Amen

ASPIRATIONS FOR SUCH AS HAVE OPPORTUNITY BEFORE OR AFTER COMMUNION, OR WHILE OTHERS ARE COMMUNICATING.

Enlighten the eyes of my soul, O Lord Jesus, with the rays of divine faith and wisdom, that I may ever look on thee as the way, the rule, and example of all my thoughts, words, and actions.

What am I, Lord, or what claim can I have on thy bounty, that thou shouldst thus follow me with thy blessing? Thou hast created me for thyself, and thou alone shalt be the rest and centre of my soul.

Good Jesus, my hope and only happiness, I here return thee thanks for all thy sufferings; and beg that I may ever find a place of refuge in thy sacred wounds against the assaults of all my enemies; imprint the memory of them, I beseech thee, so deeply on my heart, that I may ever love thee; and in all my sufferings never forget what thou hast suffered for me.

Oh, that I could ever remember thee, think of thee, and love thee only. Oh, that my senses were shut against vain and sinful objects, and my mind freed from all fruitless solicitude, that I might ever abide in thee. From henceforth I will with the utmost diligence seek thee, my only good; my desires shall be fixed on thee alone, and all my actions shall be directed to thy glory.

I resign myself into thy hands, O God, desiring that thy holy will may be done in and by me, both now and forever. Be thou my instructor, director, and helper, on all occasions, that I may neither do, speak, think, nor desire any thing but what is according to thy good will and pleasure.

Grant thy servant, O Lord, understanding, that he may learn the way of thy commandments. O Jesus, thou fountain of goodness, direct my steps in thy paths, and teach me to do thy will. Inspire me with courage to take up my cross and follow thee. Disengage my heart from all unprofitable cares and vain affections;

and though I dwell among creatures, yet may I ever live in thee and for thee. Grant me true fervor of spirit, and enkindle in my breast the fire of divine love, that I may find no rest but in thee.

How sweet, O Lord, is thy spirit; how pleasant to my ear are the words of thy mouth! Oh, that I could ever be attentive to them, and fulfil thy law. May I die to the world and all its pleasures; and let the greatness of thy love make all that is earthly appear to me as nothing. Protect me against my enemies, and in all danger come to my defence; make haste to help me, O God, and say to my soul, I am thy health and salvation.

As it is in thee, O Jesus, that I live, so it is in thee I desire to die; and, both living and dying, I will ever profess that thou art good, and that thy mercy endureth forever.

My God, how long dost thou permit me to wander from thee? When wilt thou consume in me all that is corrupt and contrary to thy will? Draw me after thee, I beseech thee, that I may walk cheerfully in the way of thy precepts. Make me according to thine own heart, and let my soul be now thy habitation forever.

My soul without thee is dry, like earth without water; moisten it, I beseech thee, with the dew of heaven, and grant me thy blessing from the land of the living. Wound my heart with thy love, that it may relish no earthly objects, but entirely depend on thy will.

Into thy hands I surrender myself, O my good God, and, laying aside all private wishes, desire to depend on thee, not only as to the whole state of my body and soul, but also as to all the accidents and events thou mayest please to appoint for me, asking nothing more but that thy name may be glorified forever.

I accept all my sufferings and privations from thy hand, convinced that whatever I endure, whether in soul or body, for love of thee, is for my good.

Let nothing be my comfort but thou, my Lord Jesus

nor any thing afflict me but my sins, and whatever is displeasing to thy divine Majesty.

O blessed Jesus, life eternal, by whom I live, and without whom I die, unite me to thyself; that in the embraces of thy holy love and divine will, I may rest forever.

When shall I behold thee, sweet Lord? When shall I appear before thy face? When shall I see thee in the land of the living? Till then I sigh and bewail my banishment, desiring to be dissolved, and be with thee.

O Jesus, who, by becoming my food in this life, preparest me to feed on thee eternally in the next; who in this divine banquet givest us possession of thy grace here, and a secure pledge of my glory hereafter; have mercy on me, O Lord, and hear my prayer.

As I now adore thee here by faith, under these sacred veils, so may I hereafter behold thee face to face, and eternally rejoice in thy presence.

A Second and Shorter Method.

A PREPARATORY PRAYER,

CONTAINING THE CHIEF ACTS OF DEVOTION PROPER BEFORE COMMUNION.

§ *Direct your Intention.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of everlasting glory! would I desire to come to thee this day, and to receive thy body and blood in this heavenly sacrament, for thy honor and glory, and the good of my soul. I desire to receive thee, because it is thy desire, and thou hast so ordained: blessed be thy name forever. I desire to come to thee like Magdalen, that I may be delivered from all my evils, and embrace thee, my only good. I

desire to come to thee that I may be happily united to thee, that I may henceforth abide in thee, and thou in me; and that nothing in life or death may ever separate me from thee.

§ *Commemorate the Passion of Christ.*

I desire, in these holy mysteries, to commemorate, as thou hast commanded, all thy sufferings; thy agony and bloody sweat; thy being betrayed and apprehended; all the reproaches and calumnies, all the scoffs and affronts, all the blows and buffets, thou hast endured for me; thy being scourged, crowned with thorns, and loaded with a heavy cross for my sins, and for those of the whole world; thy crucifixion and death, together with thy glorious resurrection and triumphant ascension. I adore thee, and give thee thanks for all that thou hast done and suffered for us; and for giving us, in this blessed sacrament, this pledge of our redemption, this victim of our ransom, this body and blood which was offered for us.

§ *Make an Act of Faith.*

I most firmly believe, that in this holy sacrament thou art present verily and indeed; that here is thy body and blood, thy soul and thy divinity. I believe that thou, my Saviour, true God and true Man, art really here, with all thy treasures; that here thou communicatest thyself to us, makest us partakers of the fruit of thy passion, and givest us a pledge of eternal life. I believe there cannot be a greater happiness than to receive thee worthily nor a greater misery than to receive thee unworthily. All this I most steadfastly believe, because it is what thou hast taught us by thy Church.

§ *Make an Act of Contrition.*

O Lord, I detest, with my whole heart, all the sins by which I have ever offended thy divine Majesty, from the first moment that I was capable of sinning to this very hour. I desire to lay them all at thy feet, to be cancell-

led by thy precious blood. Hear me, O Lord, by ~~hat~~ infinite love by which thou hast shed thy blood for me. Oh, let not that blood be shed in vain! I detest ~~r~~ sins, because they have offended thy infinite goodness. By thy grace I will never commit them any more: I am sorry for them, and will be sorry for them as long as I live; and according to the best of my power, will ~~do~~ penance for them. Forgive me, dear Lord, for thy mercy's sake; pardon me all that is past; and be thou my keeper for the time to come, that I may never more offend thee.

§ *Make an Act of Divine Love.*

O Lord Jesus, the God of my heart and the life of my soul, as the hart pants after the fountains of water, so does my soul pant after thee, the fountain of life, and the ocean of all good. I am overjoyed at the hearing of these happy tidings, that I am to go into the house of our Lord; or rather, that our Lord is to come into my house, and take up his abode with me. O happy moments, when I shall be admitted to the embraces of the living God, for whom my poor soul languishes with love! Oh, come, dear Jesus, and take full possession of my heart forever! I offer it to thee without reserve. I desire to consecrate it eternally to thee. I love thee with my whole soul above all things; at least, I desire so to love thee. It is nothing less than infinite love ~~that~~ brings thee to me; oh, teach me to make a suitable return of love!

§ *Humbly beg God's Grace*

But, O my God, thou knowest my great poverty and misery, and that of myself I can do nothing: thou knowest how unworthy I am of this infinite favor, and thou alone canst make me worthy. Since thou art so good as to invite me thus to thyself, add this one bounty more to all the rest, to prepare me for thyself. Cleanse my soul from its stains; clothe it with the nuptial garment of charity; adorn it with all virtues, and make it a fit

abode for thee. Drive sin and the devil far from this dwelling, which thou art here pleased to choose for thyself, and make me one according to thy own heart; that this heavenly visit, which thou designest for my salvation, may not, by my unworthiness, be perverted to my own damnation. Never let me be guilty of thy body and blood by an unworthy communion. For the sake of this same precious blood, which thou hast shed for me, deliver me from so great an evil! Rather let me die ten thousand deaths, than thus presume to crucify thee again.

§ Implore the Prayers of the Blessed Virgin and of the Saints.

O all ye blessed angels and saints of God, who see him face to face whom I here receive under these humble veils; and thou most especially, ever-blessed Virgin, Mother of this same God and Saviour, in whose sacred womb he was conceived and borne for nine months; I most humbly beg the assistance of your prayers and intercession, that I may in such manner receive him here, in this place of banishment, as to be brought one day to enjoy him with you in our true country, and there to praise him and love him forever.

ASPIRATIONS AFTER COMMUNION.

Behold, O Lord, I have thee now, who hast all things I possess thee, who possessest all things, and who canst do all things: take off my heart, then, O my God and my All, from all other things but thee, for in them there is nothing but vanity and affliction of spirit. Let my heart be fixed on thee alone; let me ever repose in thee, for in thee is my treasure, in thee is the sovereign truth, true happiness, and a blessed eternity.

Let my soul, O Lord, feel the sweetness of thy presence. Let me taste how sweet thou art, O Lord! that being allured by thy love, I may never more run after

worldly pleasures ; for thou art the joy of my heart, and my portion forever.

Thou art the Physician of my soul, who healest all our infirmities by thy sacred blood. I am that sick man, whom thou camest from heaven to heal : oh, heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.

Thou art the good Shepherd, who hast laid down thy life for thy sheep ; behold, I am that sheep that was lost, and yet thou vouchsafest to feed me with thy body and blood : take me now upon thy shoulders to carry me home. What canst thou deny me, who hast given me thyself ? Guide thou me, and I shall want nothing in the place of pasture where thou hast put me, until thou bringest me to the happy pastures of eternal life.

O true Light, which enlightenest every man that cometh into this world, enlighten my eyes, that I may never sleep in death.

O Fire, ever burning and never failing, behold how tepid and cold I am ! Inflame my reins and my heart, that they may be on fire with the love of thee ; for thou camest to cast fire upon earth ; and what dost thou desire but that it be enkindled ?

O King of heaven and earth, rich in mercy, behold I am poor and needy : thou knowest what I stand most in need of ; thou alone canst assist and enrich me. Help me, O God, and out of the treasures of thy bounty succor my needy soul.

O my Lord and my God, behold I am thy servant give me understanding, and excite my affection, that I may know and do thy will.

Thou art the Lamb of God, the Lamb without spot, who takest away the sins of the world : oh, take away from me what may hurt me, and displease thee, and give me what thou knowest to be pleasing to thee, and profitable to me.

Thou art my love and my joy ; thou art my God, my portion, and my All ; thou art he that will restore my inheritance to me.

O my God and my All, may the sweet flame of thy love consume my soul, that so I may die to the world for the love of thee, who hast vouchsafed to die upon the cross for the love of me!

ACTS OF DEVOTION, PRAISE, AND THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION.

O Lord Jesus Christ, my Creator and my Redeemer, my God and my All, whence is this to me, that my Lord, and so great a Lord, whom heaven and earth cannot contain, should come into this poor dwelling, this house of clay of my earthly habitation! Oh, that I could entertain thee as I ought! Thy loving-kindness invites me to thy embraces; and I would willingly say, with the spouse in the Canticles, "I have found him whom my soul loveth; I have held him, and will never let him go." But the awe of so great a majesty checks me, and the sense of my great unworthiness and innumerable sins keeps me back. Would that I could embrace thy feet! that, like Magdalen, I could wash them with my tears!

Bow down thyself, with all thy powers, O my soul, to adore the sovereign Majesty which hath vouchsafed to come to visit thee; pay him the best homage thou art able, as to thy first beginning, and thy last end; and perfectly annihilate thyself in the presence of this eternal, immense, infinite Deity. Then pour thyself forth in his presence in praises and thanksgiving; and invite all heaven and earth to join with thee in magnifying their Lord and thine, for his mercy and bounty to thee.

What return shall I make to thee, O Lord, for all thou hast done for me? Behold, when I had no being at all, thou didst create me; and when I was gone astray, and lost in my sins, thou didst redeem me, by dying for me. All that I have, all that I am, is thy gift; and now, after all thy other favors, thou hast given me thyself: blessed

be thy name forever ! Thou art great, O Lord, and exceedingly to be praised ; great are thy works, and of thy wisdom there is no end ; but thy tender mercies, thy bounty and goodness to me, are above all thy works these I desire to confess and extol forever. Bless, then, thy Lord, O my soul, and let all that is within thee praise and magnify his name. Bless thy Lord, O my soul, and see thou never forget all that he hath done for thee. O all ye works of the Lord, bless the Lord, praise and glorify him forever. O all ye angels of the Lord, bless the Lord, praise and glorify his holy name. Bless the Lord, all ye saints, and let the whole Church of heaven and earth join in praising and giving him thanks for all his mercies and graces to me ; and so, in some measure, supply for what is due from me. But as all this still falls short of what I owe thee for thy infinite love, I offer to thee, O eternal Father, the same Son of thine whom thou hast given me, and his thanksgiving, which is infinite in value. Look not, then, upon my insensibility and ingratitude, but upon the face of thy Christ, and with him, and through him, receive this offering of my poor self, which I desire to make to thee.

N. B.—Here also may be recited the *Cantic of the Three Children* the *Te Deum*, and some of the *Psalms of praise*.

AN OBLATION AFTER COMMUNION.

O Father of mercies, and God of all consolation, how hast thou loved us, to whom thou hast given thy only begotten Son, once for our ransom, and daily for the food of our souls ! What can I, a wretched creature, return to thee for this infinite love ? Verily nothing else but this same beloved Son of thine, whom thou hast given to me ; and surely thou couldst give me nothing greater, or more worthy of thyself. Him, then, I offer to thee, O heavenly Father, with whom thou art always well pleased ; him whom thou didst lovingly deliver up to death for me, and hast given me in this most holy

sacrament, which we frequent for the everlasting memorial of his death. He is our High Priest and Victim; he is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world; he is our advocate and intercessor. Look down, then, upon him, and for his sake look down upon me, and upon us all. Remember all his sufferings which he endured here in his mortal life; his bitter anguish, his agony and bloody sweat; all the injuries and affronts, all the blows and stripes, all the bruises and wounds, that he received for us. Remember his death, which thou wast pleased should be the fountain of our life; and, for the sake of his sacred passion, have mercy on us.

O my dear Lord and Saviour, who hast here given me thyself, I would gladly make some suitable return to thee for this infinite love; I would gladly make thee some offering in acknowledgment of this rich present thou hast made me. But alas! thou knowest my poverty; thou knowest I have nothing worthy of thy acceptance; nothing but what, upon a thousand titles, is already thine. But, O my God, such is thy goodness, thou wilt be contented with the little that I can give thee, though it be thy own already; thou askest nothing but my heart, and this I here most willingly offer thee. Oh, be pleased to accept of it, and make it wholly thine forever. I offer thee here my whole being, my body with its senses, and my soul with all its powers; that as thou hast at present honored them both by thy presence so they may both be thy temple forever. Oh, sanctify and consecrate eternally to thyself this mansion, which thou hast this day chosen for thy abode. I give thee my memory, that it may be forever recollected in thee; my understanding, that it may be always enlightened and directed by thy truth; and my will, that it may be ever conformable to thine, and ever burn with the love of thee. Oh, take me entirely into thy hands, with all that I have, and all that I am; and let nothing henceforward, in life or death, ever separate me from thee. Amen.

PETITIONS AFTER COMMUNION.

O most merciful Saviour, behold I have presumed to receive thee this day into my house, relying on thy infinite goodness and mercy, and hoping, like Zaccheus, to obtain thy benediction. But, alas, with how little preparation! with how little devotion! From my heart I beg pardon for my great unworthiness, and for my innumerable sins, which I detest for the love of thee; and I desire to detest them forever. Oh wash them all away with thy precious blood, for thou art the Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; and one drop of this blood, which thou hast shed for us, is more than enough to cancel the sins of ten thousand worlds.

Thou seest, O Searcher of hearts, all my maladies, and all the wounds of my soul. Thou knowest how prone I am to evil, and how backward and sluggish to good. Who can heal all these my evils but thou, the true physician of my soul, who givest me thy body and blood in this blessed sacrament, as a sovereign medicine for all my infirmities, and a sovereign balsam for all my wounds? Dispel the darkness of ignorance and error from my understanding by thy heavenly light; drive away the corruption and malice of my will by the fire of divine love and charity; strengthen my weakness with heavenly fortitude; subdue in me all evil passions, particularly that which is most deeply rooted in me, and is my ruling passion: stand by me henceforward in all my temptations, that I may never more be overcome; remove from me all dangerous occasions; and grant me that I may rather die a thousand deaths than live to offend thee mortally.

O my Jesus, thou art infinitely rich, and all the treasures of divine grace are locked up in thee! These treasures thou bringest with thee when thou doest visit us in this blessed sacrament, and thou takest an infinite pleasure in opening them to us, to enrich our poverty. This it is that gives me confidence to present thee now with my petitions, and to beg of thee those graces and vir-

me which I stand so much in need of, as thou knowest. Oh, increase and strengthen my belief of thy heavenly truths; and grant that henceforward I may ever live by faith, and be guided by the maxims of thy Gospel. Teach me to be poor in spirit, and take off my heart from the love of these transitory things, and fix it upon eternity: teach me, by thy divine example, and by thy most efficacious grace, to be meek and humble of heart and in my patience to possess my soul. Grant that I may ever keep my body and soul chaste and pure: that I may ever bewail my past sins, and by a daily mortification, restrain all irregular inclinations and passions for the future. Above all things, teach me to love thee, to be ever recollected in thee, and to walk always in thy presence; teach me to love my friends in thee and my enemies for thee; grant me grace to persevere to the end in this love, and so to come one day to that blessed place where I may love and enjoy thee forever.

Have mercy also on my parents, friends, and benefactors, and on all those for whom I am in any way bound to pray, that we may all love thee and faithfully serve thee. Have mercy on thy whole Church, and on all the clergy, and religious men and women, that all may live up to their callings, and sanctify thy name. Give thy grace and blessing to all princes and magistrates, and to all Christian people: convert all unbelievers and sinners, and bring all strayed sheep back to thy fold: particularly have mercy on N and N, &c.

O blessed Virgin, Mother of my God and Saviour, commend all these my petitions to your Son. O all ye angels and saints, citizens of heaven, unite your prayers with mine: you ever stand before the throne, and see him face to face whom I here receive under veils; be ever mindful of me, and obtain from him, and through him, that with you I may bless him and love him forever. Amen.

A Method of Hearing Mass for One who intends to Communicate thereat.

Assist at the Mass at which you are to communicate, as you would have assisted at the last Supper, at which Jesus Christ instituted the adorable Sacrament which you are about to receive. "With desire I have desired to eat this Pasch with you before I suffer," said this most loving Saviour to his Apostles (Luke xxii. 15); the same desire constrains him to give himself to those among his children whose hearts he finds duly prepared. Renew, then, your attention, and quicken your fervor during this most holy sacrifice.

Before Mass.

How great is my happiness! the God of heaven and earth is coming to dwell within me. Reflect for a moment, O my soul, on this most joyful thought. . . . How must I prepare my heart, of which that supper-room was but the figure! . . . O my God, prepare it for thyself; for without thee I can do nothing.

On seeing the Priest at the foot of the Altar, imagine you see Christ himself entering the Supper-room; bow yourself humbly down, and beg to be admitted by the side of Mary.

I come, O Lord, to beg for life and nourishment for my soul. Why should I be uneasy and disquieted at the sight of thy tabernacles? I have been invited by the love of thy divine heart, and am presented by Mary, whom thou hast given me for a mother. Let burn before mine eyes the bright torch of faith; purify my heart, sustain my weakness, send down upon me from the height of thy throne that heavenly wisdom which makes known to thy children the dignity of the sacraments, the holiness of thy law, and the majesty of thy presence

O my soul, go forward with confidence towards the holy mountain. thou art about to receive a God who fears to lose thee, and longs for thy salvation. Declare his praises, admire the wondrous effects of his divine charity ; say to him : O God of all goodness, who art pleased to feed me with the bread of angels, inspire me with all the fervor of the blessed who reign with thee in heaven.

At the Confiteor.

Humble thyself at the remembrance of thy sins.

Thou wilt not accept, Lord, the praises of a guilty heart: I will not seek to justify myself before thee, I will cry aloud with the prodigal: I have sinned against heaven and before thee; I am not worthy to be called the beloved child of thy heart; it is through my fault that I have sinned, through my fault, my grievous fault, I cannot repeat it too often, both to render homage to the truth and to humble my own pride; I have abused thy graces a thousand times, and how then shall I dare to seat myself at the table of the elect? O holy Virgin, who wast the sanctuary of the Son of God made man; O angel of the desert, who didst prepare his way; O faithful disciples, who didst listen to him with such docility, and didst receive him with such faith in that holy supper; O blessed spirits, who possess him in heaven, join your prayers with mine; beg of him grace for me, and he will hear you: yea, his mercy itself will speak, and disarm the divine justice. Oh, that, purified by the graces which you shall obtain for me, I may merit to be admitted to the table of the Lord.

At the Introit.

Celebrate the goodness of the Lord for the gift which he has bestowed upon us in the Mystery of the holy Eucharist.

The Lord hath opened the gates of heaven; he hath rained down manna to feed us; he hath given us the bread of angels. Thy goodness, O my God, hath prepared it for the poor and humble heart: blessed be thou.

O God of Israel, thou only canst work such wonders for me. I will offer to thee, in the presence of all thy people, the homage of my love and gratitude

At the Kyrie.

Implore the mercy of the Lord.

The days of propitiation have arisen upon me. I may call thee by thy name, O God of majesty; I may call thee my Saviour and my Father. Thou art present on our altars, only that thou mayest heap thy favors upon us: I will draw nigh, then, with confidence unto the throne of thy mercy, and I will say unto thee: Lord, have mercy on me.

At the Gloria in excelsis.

Give glory to God, and ask of him the peace of a good conscience.

Glory to God, whose justice is satisfied by the perpetual sacrifice of so noble a victim. Peace and consolation on earth to men of good will, who behold a God annihilating himself daily, to save and to feed them with his own substance. I praise thee, O Lord: I bless thee, I adore thee, I stand amazed at the sight of the wonders of thy love. And shall I suffer them to be of no avail to me through the evil dispositions of my heart? Shall I still reject that peace which thou offerest me? Shall I not labor to acquire that good will by which it comes? O my God, allay the strife which is so often excited in my heart, making the flesh rebel against the spirit.

At the Collects.

Grant to me thy love, O my God; this I ask thee through the intercession of Mary, my tender mother, and of all the Saints, especially N and N, my patrons, and those whom the Church commemorates to-day. Grant me, I beseech thee, the necessary dispositions to partake worthily of the precious body and blood of thy divine Son.

*At the Epistle.**Promise God to take his law for thy rule of life.*

"Wisdom hath built herself a house, she hath hewn out seven pillars. She hath slain her victims, mingled her wine, and set forth her table. She hath sent her maids to invite to the tower, and to the walls of the city: Whosoever is a little one, let him come to me. And to the unwise she said: Come, eat my bread, and drink the wine which I have mingled for you. Forsake childishness, and live, and walk by the ways of prudence." Prov. ix. 1-6.

At the Gradual.

The bread of angels is become the bread of the sons of Adam. O unheard-of wonder! the Lord is the nourishment of the weak, of the slave, and the abject. One God in three persons, thou whom we adore from the bottom of our hearts, vouchsafe to visit us; admit us into the banquet-chamber of thy love. This is the happiness to which all our desires are tending, that we may sit down at thy holy table.

At the Gospel.

It is the Lord who is going to speak; listen to his word with reverence and with love.

"Jesus said to the Jews: Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that which endureth unto life everlasting, which the Son of man will give you. For him hath God the Father sealed. They said, therefore, unto him: What shall we do, that we may work the works of God? Jesus answered, and said to them: This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he hath sent. They said, therefore, to him: What sign, therefore, dost thou show that we may see, and may believe thee? What dost thou work? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert, as it is written: He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said to them: Amen, amen I say to you: Moses gave you not bread

from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life to the world. They said, therefore, unto him: Lord, give us always this bread. And Jesus said to them: I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall not hunger, and he that believeth in me shall never thirst." John vi. 27-35.

At the Offertory.

Offer yourself to God, and beseech him to accept the sacrifices of your heart.

That which the priest offers to thee, Lord, is nothing but earthly substance; but soon it will become the adorable body and the precious blood of Jesus Christ, by virtue of thy word.

O God of infinite goodness, I offer thee my heart; vouchsafe to change it, to bless and sanctify it; renew in me thy image, which hath so many times been disfigured by sin; change its evil inclinations into that happy disposition which makes virtue the object of its love; destroy sin in me as quickly as thou art about to destroy these substances, of which there will remain nothing more than the sensible appearances. Oh, that I may become, by the help of thy grace, worthy of possessing thee here on earth, and of reigning with thee eternally in heaven.

At the Lavabo.

Ask of God purity of heart, that you may make a worthy Communion.

O God, infinitely good and infinitely holy, pour down upon me this day the salutary streams of thy grace. I come to present myself at thy holy table; I shall have part in that bread of life which only the children of thy kingdom should receive; I shall partake of that heavenly manna, which is offered only to those who have overcome the world and hell. Have I had the happiness of overcoming them? Blot out, O Lord, the least stain which sin hath left in my heart. Suffer not my soul to

perish with the souls of the wicked. If I have not walked in innocence, deliver me from my iniquities.

At the Preface.

Unite your adorations with those which the Angels and the Saints render to Jesus Christ in heaven.

Let us lift ourselves up to heaven, O my soul and render thanks to the Lord our God. How just is it, O holy Father, and how reasonable to glorify thee, to give thee thanks, at all times and in all places, as our benefactor and our God. Through Jesus Christ, the Angels and the Virtues of the heavens, the Cherubim and Seraphim, emulate each other in celebrating thy glory and singing thy immortal praises. May I, great God, unite my heart and voice with their celestial songs and transports, and cry with them: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, and shall descend upon this altar, and enter into my heart.

At the Canon.

Pray fervently for the Church, for your brethren, &c., and yourself.

O God of mercy, hear my prayers; bless this holy Church, to which I belong by the grace of baptism, and which opens to me this day her treasures, giving me the body and the blood of her divine Spouse; bless our chief pastor, the bishops, and the priests; pour down upon all those whom thou hast called to the sacred ministry, the spirit of zeal and piety; maintain them in the purity of the faith, and make me always obedient to their salutary teachings. Look favorably on all the faithful who assist with me at thy holy sacrifice. Sustain the weak, console the poor and the afflicted, heal the wounds of sinners, enlighten the blind, reclaim the impenitent. I pray to thee, O Lord, for all, because thou art the Lord of all: thou offerest thyself a sacrifice for all, and

willest that we should all be of one heart, and all be animated with the same spirit.

Behold thy King, O my soul; behold him who cometh to thee full of sweetness and tenderness; he veils the brightness of his divine majesty, that he may give thee a nearer access to him. O admirable condescension! O miracle of love, which God alone can perform!

At the Elevation of the Host.

Adore Jesus Christ present on the Altar.

O Jesus, true bread of the strong, celestial manna who givest to man a blessed immortality, I adore thee be thou the life and the nourishment of my soul. My Lord and my God, I place my whole trust and confidence in thee. O Heart of Jesus, inflame my heart with thy divine love.

At the Elevation of the Chalice.

O adorable blood of my Redeemer, that wast shed for my salvation, thou art all my hope: O cleanse me from the least stains of sin, and apply to me thy infinite merits. Sanctify my soul, preserve it without spot, and be the pledge of my eternal happiness.

During the remainder of the Canon.

The God who comes to dwell in your heart has descended on the Altar; speak to him with the most profound reverence and the most tender love.

The heavens are opened; the Holy of Holies has descended on the earth; this altar is now the throne where dwells the majesty of the Most High; the angels surround him, and, with the most lively homage of reverence and love, make reparation to him for the contempt, the neglect, and the indifference of men.

And thou, O Lord, whilst these sublime intelligences annihilate themselves before thee, thou askest my heart, and wouldst have it whole and entire. Make it thine, O Jesus, wholly and entirely thine. Thou sayest: I am come to cast fire on the earth, and what will I but that

it be kindled? Let my desire, O Lord, correspond with the ardor and tenderness of thine; let me receive by love that which only love could give me. Lord, I love thee, but do thou increase my love, that I may be able truly to say, with thy apostle: Who shall separate me from the love of Jesus Christ?

At the Pater noster.

Ask of God the bread of Angels, and be urgent in the supplications to obtain it.

O my Father, who reignest in heaven, come and reign in my soul, come and sanctify it by thy presence; come and subject it to thy holy will, and render it obedient to the inspirations of thy grace. Nourish it this day with this mysterious bread, to satisfy its hunger; extinguish in my heart every feeling of hatred and revenge; forgive me as I forgive. Grant to me such wisdom and such strength that I may triumph over all temptations. Deliver me from all those evils which oppress me, and under which I groan, being burdened. I come to thee, as a child to his father, to be fed: as a subject to his prince, to be protected; as one afflicted, to his only succor, to be consoled and comforted.

At the Agnus Dei.

Again beseech the Lord to forget all thy past prevarications and transgressions.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, pure and spotless victim, who only canst satisfy the justice of an offended God, vouchsafe to make me partaker of the merits of thy sacrifice. What lessons of humility, meekness, charity, and patience dost thou not give me! Impress these virtues upon my heart, that it may be to thee a pleasant habitation, wherein thou mayest repose, as in an abode of peace.

At the Domine, non sum dignus.

The Lord loves to find in our hearts humility.

O my Lord, I am not worthy of approaching thee

The heavens are not pure in thy sight: how, then, can a heart so wretched as mine receive thee! And yet I cannot resolve to bid thee depart from me. One only word from thee would suffice to cleanse me: speak, then, Lord; say to my soul: I am thy salvation. And since thou art pleased to invite thyself to it, do thou thyself prepare it for the happiness of receiving thee. Jesus most loving Jesus, have mercy on me!

After Communion.

Now the Lord dwells within you, beseech him to speak to you; listen to him in the silence and the recollection of your soul. O most precious moment, if you could but profit by it!

I have found him whom my soul loveth; I possess him, and I will never more leave him. What have I to desire in heaven, and what can I henceforth love upon earth, but thee, O my God, the God of my heart? What shall I render to the Lord for all the benefits he hath done unto me? Lord, teach me thyself what thou wouldst have me to do. My beloved to me, and I to him. I live, now not I; but Christ liveth in me. I will not depart from thy tabernacle, O my God, till thou hast blessed me.

At the Benediction.

Pour down upon me, O Lord, by the hand of thy minister, thy most abundant blessings; that they may put the seal to all the graces which thou hast now bestowed upon me.

At the last Gospel.

O Word made flesh, who didst annihilate thyself to give thyself to me, thou who art the life and the light of the world, enlighten me; discover to me thy greatness, that my heart may be filled and penetrated with the most filial confidence, the tenderest love, and the liveliest gratitude. How ought I not to be affected with the exceeding privilege I have enjoyed! For to

communicate is to receive God into my heart. How unspeakable the mysteries of a sacrament which unite a man to God himself! O my God, I unite myself to thee by the ties of love and gratitude: thus only can I correspond with thy mercies.

Prayer of St. Ignatius.

A gnus Christi, sanctifica me.	Soul of Christ, sanctify me .
Corpus Christi, salva me.	Body of Christ, save me.
Sanguis Christi, inebria me.	Blood of Christ, inebriate me .
Aqua lateris Christi, lava me.	Water out of the side of Christ, wash me.
Passio Christi, conforta me.	Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O bone Jesu, exaudi me.	O good Jesus, hear me
Intra vulnera tua absconde me.	Within thy wounds hide me.
Ne permittas me separari a te.	Let me not be separated from thee.
Ab hoste maligno defende me.	Defend me from the malig- nant enemy.
In hora mortis meæ voca me,	At the hour of my death call me,
Et jube me venire ad te.	And bid me come unto thee.
Ut cum Sanctis tuis laudem te,	That with thy Saints I may praise thee,
In sæcula sæculorum. Amen.	For all eternity. Amen.



A Mass of Thanksgiving after Communion

At the commencement of Mass.

THE presence of Jesus Christ is within me. Why art thou still sorrowful, O my soul; and why dost thou still inquiet me? Alas! I know it but too well; it is the remembrance of thy sins that afflicts thee; thou canst

not rid thyself of it, this bitter remembrance; it recurs to thy mind incessantly; thy grief is most just. And yet, hope in the Lord, abandon thyself to the sweet thought of his mercies. What oughtest thou not to expect from a God who is come to visit thee, to console thee, and to strengthen thee! O Jesus, obliterate the least traces of my past sins; root out from my heart every affection, every inclination which could grieve thy divine heart. O holy Virgin, who wast always faithful to the grace which preserved thee from the taint of sin; O holy precursor of Jesus Christ, who didst preserve to the last moment of thy life the grace which had sanctified thee in thy mother's womb; O beloved disciples, who were confirmed in all those sentiments of faith and piety with which your divine Master had inspired you; and you, O blessed souls, who are exempted forever from all return to weakness and inconstancy, pray for me; obtain for me that gift of perseverance, which so happily conducted you to the harbor of salvation.

At the Introit.

O divine Jesus, I love thee with all my heart; may I ever be grateful to thee for the blessings which thou hast bestowed upon me this day. Again thou art about to descend upon this altar, and to renew thy sacrifice: come, then, O Lord Jesus; my weakness implores thy tender compassion. O ye heavens, let fall your precious dew, that the clouds may bring forth the Just One, and I may have the happiness once more of beholding my Saviour.

At the Kyrie.

O merciful Father, adopt me forever into the number of thy beloved children. O most loving Jesus, say to my soul: Fear not; I am thy salvation. O sanctifying Spirit, give me a right understanding of all the truths of faith; breathe into my heart the spirit of piety; make me partaker of all the fruits of a fervent communion, and grant me grace to walk constantly in the path of virtue and good works.

At the Collects.

O Lord, vouchsafe favorably to hear the prayers which thy priest offers to thee for the Church and for me.

I earnestly beseech thee to grant me those graces and virtues of which I have need, in order to deserve thy love. Fill my heart with eternal gratitude for the blessing which thou hast just conferred upon me, with a live horror of sin, and with perfect charity towards my neighbor. Make my whole life worthy of one who is thy child. I deserve not to be heard for my own sake, O my God; but I beseech thy mercy through the merits of thy divine Son, who lives within me.

At the Epistle.

"My dearly beloved, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in the time of visitation; casting all your care upon him, for he hath care of you. Be sober and watch; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour. Whom resist ye, strong in faith, knowing that the same affliction befalls your brethren who are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little, will himself perfect you, and confirm you, and establish you. To him be glory and empire forever and ever. Amen." 1 Pet. v. 6-11.

At the Gradual.

If it were sufficient for a woman of Israel only to touch thy garment to be healed, what ought not I to hope from thee, O Jesus, to whom thou hast but just given thyself wholly in Communion!

Heal, O my Saviour, all the infirmities of my soul enlighten its darkness, and teach me how sweet is thy yoke, and how light thy burden.

At the Gospel.

"Jesus said to the Jews: My flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh

and drinketh my blood, abideth in me and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father, so he that eateth me, the same also shall live by me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead; he that eateth of this bread shall live forever." John vi. 56-59.

Make me to meditate deeply on these words, O Jesus; may I show by my works that my strongest desire is to sit often at thy table, in the midst of thy beloved children.

At the Offertory.

I offer myself to thee, O Lord, as thou didst offer thyself to thy Father, when thou wast fastened to the cross; and as thou didst reserve nothing to thyself which thou didst not give up in sacrifice, so do I wish to keep nothing back, but to give up all to thee. Receive, then, O Lord, the offering of all my thoughts, of all my affections, of my whole being. I cannot return thee thanks proportioned to thy benefits; and therefore I call to my aid the prayers and merits of all those who have the happiness of uniting themselves to thee by fervent Communions.

At the Lavabo.

O my Jesus, would that I could take thee to witness of the holiness of my life and the innocence of my heart! But, with the prophet, I must cry out: It is in thy mercy only that I place my hope: my consolation is in meditating on thy promises to the penitent heart, and thy faithfulness in performing them: confounded at all that I have committed to this day, and encouraged by the favors with which thou hast just loaded me, I can but promise to correspond better with thy graces than I have hitherto done. No, never, after the Communion which I have this day made, will I be found in the society of the wicked; I will purify myself more and more with tears of penitence; I will bless thee as I do this day, and I will sing of the wonders of thy power and of thy mercy.

At the Preface.

The Priest says : Lift up your hearts.

Answer : Yea, my heart, with all its affections, is lifted up to heaven: let the world disappear from mine eyes henceforth I have nothing here below.

The Priest continues : Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer : What can be more meet and just? Can I have a more sacred duty than to give thanks to a God who hath heaped such great benefits upon me?

Then add : Thou art within me, O Jesus; bless, adore, and give thanks to thy heavenly Father. By thee it is that the powers of heaven praise and adore the divine Majesty; in thee that I am united with them to sing eternally: Blessed forever be thou, O Jesus, for having come down on earth to revive amongst us the glorious title of the children of God; blessed forever, for having come this day to visit my poor dwelling, and enabling me to offer to God thrice-holy, my Creator and Benefactor, that homage of adoration and praise, of love and thanksgiving, which is due unto him from me and all his creatures.

At the Canon.

I bow myself down before thee, O Father of mercies, and pray thee to pour down upon me thy holy benediction and thy sanctifying grace. Accept the sacrifice which I make to thee of my soul and all its powers, my body and all its senses, in union with the sacrifice of thy divine Son, which thy priest now offers to thee. I unite myself with the glorious Mary ever Virgin, and I beseech her to intercede for me with thee, and to obtain for me the graces which I ask. I unite myself with thy Apostles and Martyrs (especially N and N); vouchsafe to receive the offering of my heart and of my life, for the sake of the sacrifice which they made to thee of themselves and of all that they possessed. There wants but one only word from thee to work the greatest marvels. Speak the word, O my God, and again the body

of thy Son will be present under the species of bread, and his blood under the species of wine; speak the word, my body and my spirit and my heart shall be devoted and consecrated to thee forever.

O Jesus, the sweet delight of my soul, let heaven and earth, with all their glory, veil themselves before thee. All their beauty and grandeur come from thee, and can never approach to a comparison with thy adorable perfections.

At the Elevation.

Prostrate yourself before the Lord your God, and adore him, for he is the good Shepherd, who has brought back the sheep that had strayed from the fold, and who has nourished it with his own flesh and blood.

O Jesus, whom we now discern through a thick veil, we beseech thee to hear our most fervent petitions. We desire to behold thee one day face to face, and to enjoy the blessedness of thy elect.

O sacred Host, who openest the gates of heaven, our enemies press on us from every side, do thou sustain our strength, and we shall obtain the victory over hell, the world, and our own evil thoughts.

During the remainder of the Canon.

O my God, I know not how to give thee thanks for the favor thou hast bestowed upon me in feeding me with the body and blood of thy divine Son; but I find in the sacred Victim which has been immolated on this altar wherewithal to repay thee for so great a benefit. I have offered it to obtain the grace of receiving thee worthily; I now offer it to testify to thee my gratitude for the Communion which I have had the happiness to make. I have presented thee this spotless Lamb as a victim of expiation, a victim of sanctification; I now present it to thee as a victim of thanksgiving; receive it, O my God, and let the entire sacrifice which Jesus Christ makes to thee of his adorable person, be the

model of this sacrifice which I make to thee of my whole self at the foot of thy altar.

Since I have the happiness of possessing thee, O Jesus, permit me to open my heart to thee, and to enjoy thee as my soul desires; so that thou mayest make me to hear thy voice, and I may speak to thee in secret, as friend converses with friend. Thou art within me, O Lord, and hast admitted me into the interior of thy heart; keep me united to thee eternally. Thou art my beloved, chosen from among a thousand; in thy heart my soul desires to dwell forever: what blessing, what consolation shall I never fail to find in thee! Make me to taste the unspeakable sweetness of thy love. That which most delights the heart of the children of Adam in this world can never more be pleasing to me; I desire to love nothing more on earth but for the love of thee; I desire only thee, O unchangeable Beauty; to possess thee is to enjoy the purest, the most heavenly delights. In thee alone, O Jesus, I find a solid peace, a life exempt from troubles and inquietudes. He who possesses thee enters into the joy of the Lord: he has no longer any thing to fear; he can want nothing, so long as he remains united with the Supreme Good, which contains all goods.

At the Pater.

How sweet is it, O my God, to give thee the name of Father! Thou reignest in the heavens, and thou hast descended into my heart. Let my life be employed in glorifying thy name: let all my thoughts and all my affections be henceforth subject to thy will, and referred to thy glory. This is the desire, O Lord, which most effects my heart, to come often to this same table, to the foot of this same altar, to nourish myself with the bread of angels. O my Father, this is the bread of thy beloved children, suffer me never to render myself unworthy of it. Sustain me so powerfully by thy grace, that I may often have the happiness of receiving thee. O my Jesus, immolated for the love of me, had I but as

great desire to unite myself to thee, as thou hast to unite thyself to me, I should not be deprived of this happiness any day of my life : increase, then, in me this holy desire : strengthen me against the assaults of the enemy of my salvation, who flatters me in order to destroy me, who tempts me in order to corrupt me, who draws me to himself that he may cast me down to hell ; make me to burn with the same love for thee that thou hast for me.

At the Agnus Dei.

Lamb of God, adorable Victim, who wast immolated for the expiation of my sins, blot out the slightest stains of sin in a soul which possesses thee, and wishes to be wholly thine. Thou hast taught me how thou lovest sweetness and humility ; destroy, by thy presence, every thing that could henceforth trouble the peace of my soul, and deprive me of thy love.

At the Communion.

Thou art going to leave me, O my Saviour ; thy body and blood will soon cease to reside within my soul ; say to me, as thou saidst to thy Apostles, that thou leavest thy peace with me ; give it to me in pledge of the graces and succors of which I shall have need, that I may never lose the fruit of the Communion which I have had the happiness of making.

May this Communion deliver me from the tyranny of my bad thoughts, break off the yoke of my evil habits, and dispose me always to the practice of thy holy commandments. Let nothing henceforth separate me from thee, O Jesus ; not the attractions of the world, nor the illusions of sense, nor the wanderings of my imagination nor the evil passions of my heart.

At the Post-Communion.

Intercede once more for me, O Mother of my God, my advocate, my tender Mother ; ye Angels of the Most High, watch over me : and ye, O elect of God, whom

the Church hath given me for protectors, employ your powerful influence, that the Communion which I have made this day may consecrate forever to the Lord my mind, my heart, and my whole being.

At the Benediction.

May the blessing of the priest, O most Holy Trinity, be to me the pledge that thou wilt be faithful to thy promises, and since thou blessest, from the height of thy glory, those whom thy ministers bless on earth, may thy blessing descend upon me, accompany and follow me, so that, ever bearing in mind thy benefits, I may occupy myself with testifying to thee the gratitude I owe thee.

At the last Gospel.

O Word divine, Light of men, who shonest through the darkness of our understanding, banish forever from my heart the fatal shades of sin, bid the Sun of justice rise upon me, and it will enlighten me. Say, Let there be light, and nothing shall obscure it. Alas, the world which thou createdst, and which thou camest to redeem, knew thee not! and I, who have now the happiness of possessing thee, what will it profit me to be enlightened by thy light, if I follow not the way it leads? What fruit shall I draw from that treasure of graces which thou hast brought me, if I dissipate and waste it? Shall I forget in one day the exceeding love which thou hast lavished upon me? O Jesus who art full of grace and truth, impress upon my mind the truth that enlightens, establish in my heart the grace that sanctifies, and make me to find, in the unchangeableness of the one, and in the continual succor of the other, a restraint upon my inconsistency, and a support to my weakness.

After Mass.

O my God, I am about to return to my ordinary occupations, but I return to them with a spirit and a heart altogether new. Henceforth I will seek only to please

thee; thou shalt be the beginning and the end of all my actions. I will endeavor to show that it is no longer I that live, but thou that livest and movest in me.

Prayer.

To which Pope Pius VII. hath annexed a plenary indulgence, which all the faithful may obtain, who, after having confessed their sins with contrition, and received the Holy Communion, shall devoutly recite it before an image or representation of Christ crucified.

Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus, I cast myself upon my knees in thy sight, and with the most fervent desire of my soul I pray and beseech thee that thou wouldst impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, with true repentance for my sins, and a firm desire of amendment, whilst with deep affection and grief of soul I ponder within myself, and mentally contemplate thy five most precious wounds; having before my eyes that which David spake in prophecy: "They pierced my hands and my feet; they have numbered all my bones."

Particular Devotions and Confraternities

The Agnus Dei.

An *Agnus Dei* (so called from the image of the Lamb of God impressed on the face of it) is made of virgin wax, balsam and chrism, blessed according to the form prescribed in the Roman Ritual.

The Pope consecrates the *Agnus Dei* the first year of his pontificate, and afterwards every seventh year, on Saturday before low Sunday, with many solemn ceremonies and devout prayers.

The use of the *Agnus Dei* is very ancient. Pope Leo III. made a present of one to the Emperor Charlemagne, who received it as a treasure sent from heaven, and revered it with a singular piety and devotion.

A Prayer to be daily said by those who carry about them an Agnus Dei.

O my Lord Jesus Christ, the true Lamb who taketh away the sins of the world; by thy mercy, which is infinite, pardon my iniquities, and, by thy sacred Passion, preserve me this day from all sin and evil. I carry about me this holy *Agnus* in thine honor, as a preservative against mine own weakness, and as an incentive to the practice of that meekness, humility, and innocence which thou hast taught us. I offer myself up to thee as an entire oblation, and in memory of that sacrifice of love which thou didst offer for me on the cross, and in satisfaction for my sins. Accept this oblation, I beseech thee, O my God; and may it be acceptable to thee in the odor of sweetness. Amen.

The Devotion of the "Quarant' Ore," or Forty Hours' Prayer.

THIS devotion continues for forty hours, in memory of the forty hours during which the body of our Lord remained in the sepulchre. It was begun at Milan in 1534, and was introduced into Rome by St. Philip Neri in 1548, and sanctioned by Pope Clement VIII., who issued a solemn Bull respecting it, November 25th, 1592.

This devotion owes its origin to Father Joseph, a Capuchin friar at Milan. In the year 1534, the city of Milan was suffering all the miseries attendant on war, and was reduced almost to despair, when Father Joseph called upon the citizens to raise their eyes from the miseries around them, and look up to heaven for succor, assuring them, on the part of God, that if they would give themselves to fervent prayer for forty hours, their city and their country would be liberated from the devastations of their enemies. The citizens obeyed the call. The Forty Hours' Prayer commenced in the cathedral, and was taken up by the other churches of the city in rotation. The people meanwhile attended with fervor at the appointed prayers, and approached with great devotion the sacraments of penance and holy communion. Heaven did not delay to fulfil the assurance given by the pious servant of God; for in a short time the Emperor Charles V., and Francis king of France, were seen at the gate of Milan arranging the articles of peace.

To promote this devotion, Pope Clement XIII. granted a plenary indulgence to all such as, confessing their sins and receiving the holy communion, should visit any church or chapel where this devotion was being performed.

To gain this indulgence, it is required (1) to visit the Blessed Sacrament once each day during the three days of exposition; and (2) to receive the holy communion on one of the three days; but not necessarily in the same

church or chapel in which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

Pope Paul V. also granted an indulgence of ten years and ten *quadrages* for every visit made to the Blessed Sacrament thus exposed.

These indulgences are applicable to the souls in purgatory.

The forms of prayers used in this devotion are, the *Litany* of the Saints, Collects, &c., as given p. 662; to which may be added the *Litany* of the Blessed Virgin, the *Miserere* psalm, and the *Te Deum*.

A Visit to the Most Holy Sacrament.

An Act of Adoration to the Most Holy Trinity.

I most humbly adore thee, O uncreated Father, and thee, O only-begotten Son, and thee, O Holy Ghost the Paraclete, one almighty, everlasting, and unchangeable God, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. I acknowledge in thee a true and ineffable Trinity of persons, a true and indivisible Unity of substance. I glorify thee, O ever-serene effulgent Trinity, one only Deity, my most compassionate Lord, my sweetest hope, my dearest light, my most desired repose, my joy, my life, and all my good. To thy most merciful goodness I commend my soul and body; to thy most sacred Majesty I wholly devote myself, and to thy divine will resign and yield myself eternally. All honor and glory be to thee forever and ever. Amen.

O heavenly Father, O most forgiving Father, O Lord God have mercy upon me a wretched sinner, have mercy upon all men. In fullest reparation, expiation, and satisfaction for all my iniquities and negligences, and for the sins of the whole world, and perfectly to supply the deficiency of my good works and merits, I

offer to thee thy beloved Son, Christ Jesus, in union with that sovereign charity with which thou didst send him to us, and didst give him to us as our Saviour. I offer his transcendent virtues, and all that he did and suffered for us. I offer his labors, sorrows, torments, and most precious blood. I offer the merits of the most blessed Virgin Mary, and of all thy Saints. Assist me. I beseech thee, O most merciful Father, through the same thy Son, by the power of thy Holy Spirit. Have mercy on all unhappy sinners, and graciously call them back to the way of salvation. Grant to all living pardon and grace, and to the faithful departed eternal light and rest. Amen.

O Holy Spirit, sweetest Comforter, who proceedest from the Father and the Son in an ineffable manner, come, I beseech thee, and sink into my heart. Purify and cleanse me from all sin, and sanctify my soul. Wash away its defilements, moisten its dryness, heal its wounds, subdue its stubbornness, melt its coldness, and correct its wanderings. Make me truly humble and resigned, that I may be pleasing to thee, and thou mayest abide with me forever. O most blessed light, O most amiable light, enlighten me! O ravishing joy of Paradise, O fount of purest delights, O my God, give thyself to me, and kindle vehemently in my inmost soul the fire of thy love. O my Lord, instruct, direct, and defend me in all things. Give me strength against all immoderate fears and a pusillanimous spirit; bestow upon me a right faith, a firm hope, and a sincere and perfect charity; and grant that I may ever do thy most gracious will. Amen.

Four Aspirations of Love to Jesus to obtain an ardent Love of God.

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O Jesus, most sweet, most secret, and most intimate Spouse of holy souls, inflame vehemently, I beseech

thee, my heart with the love of thee, that I may delight in thee from my inmost soul. Visit me in thy mercy, and fill my heart with thy grace, for the very depths of my being long for thee, the fountain of sweet
 thee.

O my Lord Jesus, O Fire that burnest sweetly, and shinest secretly, and consumest gently, take full possession of my whole heart. O King of kings, King of eternal glory, grant that I may hunger and thirst for thee alone, sigh after thee, and ardently desire to behold thy ravishing countenance.

O amiable Jesus, pierce my heart of hearts with the sweetest dart of love; penetrate my soul with burning charity, that it may languish altogether with desire and love of thee. Let it be wholly dissolved in love, wholly melt away, and be absorbed in thee.

O Lord, disengage my soul from all things here below, that it may freely tend to thee alone, and thou alone mayest inhabit it, its owner and possessor. Let thy most sweet fragrance descend upon me; let the ineffable odor of thy divine charity come to me, to excite in me incessantly all pure desires.

Grant, O my Lord, that, wholly filled with the sweetness of thy love, and wholly set on fire with the flame of heavenly charity, I may delight in thee with my whole heart, and from the deepest recesses of my inmost soul. May I love thee, O sweet Lover; may I love thee, O only salvation of my soul; may I love thee, for thou hast first loved me! O Spouse most lovely, most beloved, grant that I may love thee more and more. Let the strong violence of thy love utterly dislodge from my heart the weight of all earthly desires, and make me run without ceasing in the odor of thy ointments.

O my own most compassionate Lord, write on the tablet of my heart the sweet memory of thee, which no forgetfulness may ever erase, that I may ever burn with the desire of thee, that I may be wholly set on fire with the flame of thy love, and drowned in the deluge of thy charity

II.

O my God, ocean of holy love and sweetness, come and give thyself unto my soul. Grant that with a perfect heart, full desire, and burning affection, I may unceasingly aspire after thee, and lovingly respire in thee. May I prefer thee to every creature, for thee renounce every transitory delight, O my true, my highest joy!

Feed me, Lord, thy poor, famished beggar, with continual draughts of thy divinity; refresh me with the wished-for presence of thy grace. This I seek, this I long for, that a vehement love may penetrate me through and through, and fill me, and transmute me into itself.

Grant, O most benign Redeemer, that I may be wholly inflamed with the love of thee, that I may leave off from myself, and delight only in thee, know only thee, feel only thee. O overflowing abyss of divinity! draw me to thee, and immerse me in thyself; so seize and take to thyself all the affection of my heart, that it may be wholly dead to all besides.

O God of all sweetness, I call thee into my soul; I cry to thee, I long for thee with a large affection, O surpassing delight of the most intimate union! Come, my Beloved, come, a thousand thousand times desired, that I may inwardly possess thee, and clasp thee in the chaste embraces of my soul.

O Light that ever shinest, and never fadest, enlighten me! O Fire that ever burnest, and never failest, enkindle me! O Love that ever glowest, and never faintest, absorb, transmute me into thee!

O dear Light of mine eyes, Jesus, chase away all darkness from the chambers of my heart, and illumine me throughout with the splendor of thy grace! Enter into my soul, O perfect sweetness, that it may savor of sweet things, and find its joy and rest in thee!

O my Beloved, sole object of my vows, grant that I may find thee, and finding, may retain thee, and hold thee fast bound in the arms of my soul. I long for

thee, I pant after thee, O bliss eternal ! Oh, that thou wouldst give thyself to me, unite me intimately to thee, and inebriate me wholly with the wine of heavenly charity.

III

Wound, O Lord, the secret recesses of my inmost being with the arrow of thy love, and send the saving flame deep into the marrow of my cold and torpid heart ; that, all on fire with the inextinguishable flame of charity, and penetrated with the unspeakable sweetness of thy Spirit, I may be wholly transferred from myself to thee.

Receive me, O beauteous Spouse, Jesus, into the closest embraces of thy love, that, folded therein, my dull, cold heart may glow all through with warmth. Open, Lord, open when I knock, and admit my desolate soul into the chamber of thy love, and, in thy mercy, espouse it to thyself.

May I draw from thee the living water, O Fount of honeyed sweetness, that by the very taste thereof I may never thirst again for any thing but thee. Let the heavenly dew of thy sweet-dropping charity come down upon me, that, inwardly imbued therewith, I may be preserved pure from earthly desires and unchaste affections.

O dearest of all that is dear to me, grant that I may be wholly thine, and that thou mayest continue mine forever. So join, so fasten me to thyself, that I can never be separated from thee ; so yield, so impart thyself to me, that, filled with the sweetness of thy peace, I may find my chaste delight for evermore in thee.

O Light serene and peaceful, O my God, irradiate my soul with thy bright beams ! Draw me closer to thee, O thou glowing Sun, that, at thy powerful heat, the soil of my heart may bring forth the flowers and fruits of holy love !

O my glory, O my joy, O my unmixed delight, Jesus, kindle, I pray thee, such a flame of love in my inmost

heart, that henceforth I may choose nothing, desire no thing, in the world but thee!

O my Lord, let heaven and earth, and all things contained therein, without thee, be to me like a cold, wintry waste. Do thou alone affect me, do thou alone delight me; may the love of thee alone live and burn within me, and continue ever living and ever burning.

IV.

Shine down upon me, O most bright and genial Light, that the thick shades of my blindness may be changed into the clearest noonday splendor. O good Jesus, adorn my soul with that grace of charity which thou lovest; anoint it with that richness of love which thou delightest in. Take from it whatever is less pleasing to thine eyes, and render it in every thing acceptable to thee.

O sweetest Flame, devour and happily consume the very ashes of my substance! Transfer me to thyself, that, joined to thee by the indissoluble tie of love, I may live of thee, and flourish before thee as a lily.

O fairest, O most blooming Flower, Jesus! O Life that never fadest! O Life by which I live, without which I die! O Life by which I rejoice, without which I mourn! O Life most sweet and amiable, grant that I may be joined to thee, and, soothed to sleep in thy embrace by sweetest charity, may find my holy rest in thee, who art our perfect peace.

Grant, O my Lord, that, filled with the violence of a burning love, and melted with the sweetness of a penetrating charity, my soul may be dissolved in thee. Possess it, O sovereign, O priceless Good, possess it, that it may possess thee, and find its blessedness in thee.

O my Beloved, pierce, transfix my heart with the sharpest dart of love, that my soul may be refreshed in languishing for thee. Let all transitory things grow worthless in my eyes; do thou only please me, do thou only make me glad with thy incomparable beauty.

Break down, O sweet Jesus, the hateful wall of my tepidity, and grant that, with a free and ready heart, I

may follow thee with inextinguishable fervor. Let blow the south wind of ardent love, which may so vehemently impel me to thee, that, apart from thee, there may be no breath in me.

O Jesus, only comforter of my heart, let fall unceasingly upon me, I beseech thee, the sweet dew of thy grace. Draw me to thee by the potent virtue of thy love, and imprint upon me the kiss of thy forgiveness. That, sealed therewith, I may henceforth love nothing besides thee; for thou art my whole possession, and the whole blessedness of my soul.

O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received; the memory of his passion is renewed; the mind is filled with grace; and a pledge of future glory is given to us. Alleluia.

O Lord, how sweet is thy Spirit, who, to show thy sweetness to thy children, by most sweet food from heaven, dost fill the hungry with good things, sending the fastidious rich away empty.

A certain man made a great supper, and sent his servant to say to them that were invited, that they should come, for all things are ready.

Come, eat my bread, and drink the wine which I have mingled.

I am the bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the desert; and they died. This is the bread that came down from heaven, that if any one eat of it, he may not die.

I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever.

The merciful Lord hath given food to them that fear him, in remembrance of his wonderful works

He fed them with the finest of the wheat; and filled them with the honey out of the rock. Alleluia.

The eyes of all hope in thee, O Lord, and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thy hand, and fillest all things living with thy blessing Alleluia.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

THE object of this devotion is the heart of the God-Man Christ Jesus. As the heart is the seat of all the affections, so the heart of our Lord is especially proposed to our devotion, as being the seat and sanctuary of that love wherewith he loved us, and gave himself for us. While, then, we address ourselves to that Sacred Heart, as it is united to the blessed Humanity, and therefore to the divine Person of the Word, we, in an especial and peculiar manner, honor the love which burned therein for man.

The particular intention of this devotion is, to make reparation for the outrages committed against the heart of Jesus during his mortal life; outrages which continue to be committed against him in the adorable Eucharist, which is the Sacrament of his love.

It was for this end that our Lord revealed to Venerable Sister Mary Alacoque, that he wished the festival and devotion of his Sacred Heart to be instituted in the Church. It is related in the life of this holy nun, that, being one day in prayer before the blessed Sacrament, Jesus showed her his heart surrounded with thorns, surmounted by a cross, and placed upon a throne of fire; and that he said to her: "Behold the heart that has so loved men, and has spared nothing to testify its love for them, even to the consuming of itself for their sake; but, in return, receives nothing from the generality of mankind but dishonor and ingratitude. What afflicts me most is, that hearts which treat me thus

have been consecrated to me." Our Saviour then bade her use her utmost endeavors to procure the celebration of a particular festival in honor of his divine heart, on the first Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi; and this, for these principal intentions:—1. That Christians might return him thanks for the ineffable gift bestowed upon them in the blessed Eucharist. 2. That they might repair, by their homage and adoration, the irreverence and contempt with which he has been treated by sinners in this most holy Sacrament. 3. That they might give him the honor due unto him, but withheld from him in so many churches, where he is so little loved, revered, and adored. He promised to pour out abundantly the riches of his heart on all who should practise this devotion, not only on the feast itself, but on other days when they visited the blessed Sacrament.

Confraternities of the Sacred Heart of Jesus have been established in every part of the Church, and have been enriched by the Holy See with numerous indulgences. The plenary indulgences granted to the associates (with the usual conditions*) are as follows:—1. On the day of admission. 2. On the feast of the Sacred Heart. 3. The first Friday or the first Sunday in each month. 4. On any one day in each month, at choice. 5. At the hour of death, on condition of invoking (at least mentally) the holy name of Jesus. 6. On Christmas-day, Maundy-Thursdays, Easter-day, and Ascension-day. 7. On the feasts of the Conception, Nativity, Annunciation, Purification, and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin; on the feast of All Saints, All Souls-day, and on the feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul, St. Joseph, and St. John the Evangelist. 8. On the six Fridays or the six Sundays preceding the feast of the Sacred Heart, according as it is celebrated on the Friday or on the Sunday after the feast of Corpus Christi. 9. On the feast of St. Gregory the Great.

The partial indulgences are:—1. Thirty years and their *quadragesima*, on the three days after Christmas-day; on the

* 1. To gain the plenary indulgences Nos. 6 and 7, as well as the partial indulgences 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, it is necessary to pay a visit to the chapel of the Confraternity, or to perform some other work of piety enjoined by a confessor, not as a sacramental penance, but as a condition of the indulgence. 2. To gain the plenary indulgence No. 8, and the partial indulgence No. 6, it is necessary to visit a church or chapel of the Confraternity in which is celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

feasts of the Circumcision and the Epiphany; the Sundays of Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima; Good Friday, and Holy Saturday; every day during the octave of Easter; on Low Sunday, the feast of St. Mark, and the Rogation-days; and on Whit-Sunday, and during its octave. 2. Twenty years and their *quadragesima*, on Palm-Sunday. 3. Fifteen years and their *quadragesima*, on Ash-Wednesday, the 4th Sunday of Lent, the 3d Sunday of Advent, and the Eve, and at the Midnight and Aurora Masses of Christmas. 4. Ten years and their *quadragesima*, on the 1st, 2d and 4th Sundays of Advent; every day in Lent (except those mentioned above), the Vigil of Pentecost, and the three days of the Ember-weeks. 5. Seven years and their *quadragesima*, on the Visitation and Presentation of the Blessed Virgin, and on the feasts of the Apostles mentioned above. 6. The same on every day of the novena preceding the feast of the Sacred Heart. 7. Seven years and their *quadragesima*, on the four Sundays immediately preceding that feast. 8. The same, at every visit to a picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in any church or chapel where it is exposed to public veneration; the conditions being contrition and prayers for the Pope's intentions. 9. Sixty days for every work of piety performed by the members.

These indulgences are applicable to the souls in purgatory.

All that is required of the associates, in order to obtain the privileges attached to the confraternity (after admission by a duly authorized priest), is to say every day a Pater, an Ave, and a Credo, with the following aspiration:

O most sweet Heart of Jesus, make me to love thee more and more!

Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; for the use of the Associates in particular.

O amiable Jesus, only Son of the living God, who, by an incomprehensible effect of thy love, wast pleased to be made man, to be born in a stable, to live amidst labors, to die upon a cross, and to leave us, as a perpetual pledge of thy tenderness, thy own body and blood for the nourishment of our souls, in the ineffable Sacra

ment of the Eucharist: thou beholdest at thy feet a criminal covered with confusion, who comes, in the spirit of union with all the associates in the adoration of thy divine Heart, humbly to confess his ingratitude, his iniquities, and those of all other men, that he may make reparation for them as far as in him lies.

Alas, O most amiable Jesus, we have sinned against ~~thy~~ and before thee. The injuries, the outrages which thy Sacred Heart has received from the ingratitude and the malice of men, far surpass in number the stars of heaven, the drops of water, the grains of the sand of the sea. What hath it not suffered on our part in the course of thy sacred life, in thy bitter Passion, and from the moment that thou hast dwelt amongst us in the Sacrament of thy love! Oh, with how much bitterness, opprobrium, and grief have we deluged thy divine Heart! Pardon! mercy! O adorable Heart of Jesus; mercy for me! mercy for all men, and for this country in particular!

I detest, with all the sincerity of my soul, and with the most profound and bitter grief, every thing which hath ever offended thee in myself or in others; I detest it for the love thou deservest, and which is supremely due unto thee. I come to make thee an honorable reparation, with the deepest humiliation and the most absolute annihilation of myself. Oh, that I could efface with my tears, and wash away with all my blood, the injuries which we have done unto thee. Oh, that I could repay thee, by my repentance, by my works, and by my love, all the glory, honor, and satisfaction of which thou hast been robbed by the injuries and outrages that have been committed against thee! Accept at least the earnest desire with which thou inspirest me.

Unchaste, O Heart infinitely rich in mercy, to light again in my heart and that of all men, the sacred fire which thou camest to kindle upon the earth. Let it purify them, let it inflame them, let it make of them one heart with thy Heart. Pour down, I beseech thee, thy most precious and abundant benedictions on thy holy

Church, and those who govern it: on this diocese, on this town, and on all those who are united with us by the bonds of this association. O Heart of Jesus, live, reign in all hearts, for time and for eternity. Amen.

A short Act of Consecration.

I engage myself with all my heart, for all my life, to the confederation of love and of reparation, formed in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I renew the sacred alliance which I contracted with him in holy baptism, and renouncing Satan anew, his pomps, and all his works, I devote to the adorable Heart of my divine Master, and of his most holy Mother, all that I am and all that I have, for time and for eternity. Amen.

Meditation on the Love of our Lord Jesus.

Oh, that we understood the love of our Lord Jesus towards us! So tenderly has he loved us, that if all the men, all the angels, and all the saints, were to unite with all their strength, they could not attain to the thousandth part of the love our Lord Jesus bears towards us. He loves us infinitely more than we love ourselves; he loves us to excess. For what greater love, than that God should die for us, his own creatures! He has loved us to the end. (St. John xiii. 1.) There has not been a moment from eternity in which God has not loved us, and thought of us, one by one. "I have loved thee with an everlasting love." He afterwards became man for the love of us; and for our sake chose a life of suffering, and the cruel death of the cross. Hence, after sacrificing all to show his love for us, he has loved us more than his own honor, repose, and life. Oh, excess of love, at which even the angels are astonished! Yet this is not enough; for through his exceeding love, he is further pleased to stay with us in the blessed Sacrament of the altar; there he abides, motionless, and, as it were, senseless; he appears to do nothing but to love men. Love induces a desire of the constant presence of the object beloved. Hence our Lord Jesus is pleased

to remain constantly with us in the blessed Sacrament. It seemed to him too little to stay with men three-and-thirty years on earth; hence he is pleased to tarry with them, in the blessed Sacrament, from age to age. It is true that while on earth he completed the work of redemption: why, then, should he continue to remain with us? Surely it is to prove his exceeding love for us; he cannot endure to separate himself from us, for his "delights are with the sons of men." (Prov. viii.) This love leads him to make himself the food of our souls, in order to unite himself with us, and make our hearts and his heart one and the same. "He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood abideth in me, and I in him." (John vi.) Oh, excess of divine love! A servant of God used to say: "My amazement about the mystery of the blessed Eucharist is not how bread becomes flesh, or how our Lord Jesus is in many places at once, and confined within so small a compass; for all things are possible with God. But this is my wonder, how Jesus loved man so, as to become his food; when I think hereof, I own I am confounded, and have but to say that it is a truth of faith passing my comprehension. O love of Jesus, make men know you, make them love you!"

An Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

To thee, O Sacred Heart of Jesus. do I devote and offer up my life, my thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings. May my whole being be no longer employed but in loving, serving, and glorifying thee. O Sacred Heart, be thou henceforth the sole object of my love, the protector of my life, the pledge of my salvation, and my refuge at the hour of my death. Justify me, O blessed and adorable Heart, at the bar of divine justice, and screen me from the anger which my sins deserve. Imprint thyself like a divine seal on my heart, that I may never be separated from thee. May my name also be ever engraven upon thee, and may I ever be consecrated to thy glory ever burning with the flames of thy love, and entirely penetrated with it for all eternity. This is all my desire.

to live in thee. One thing have I sought of the Lord, and this will I seek, that I may dwell in the Heart of my Lord all the days of my life. Amen.

A Prayer to the Eternal Father.

O eternal Father, let me offer up unto thy mercy the Sacred Heart of thy well-beloved Son, even as he offered himself up a sacrifice to thy justice.

Accept, on my behalf, all the thoughts, sentiments, affections, motions, and all the actions of this Sacred Heart ; they are mine, because it was immolated for me ; they are mine, because for the future I am resolved to admit nothing into my heart but what hath place in thine. Receive, then, O God, the merits of this Sacred Heart in satisfaction for my sins, and in thanksgiving for all the benefits conferred upon me. Receive them, O Lord, as so many motives for granting my petitions. Give me, O Lord, for their sake, all the graces I need, out especially the gift of final perseverance. Receive them as so many acts of love, adoration, and praise, which I now offer to thy divine majesty. This Sacred Heart, this Heart alone, can love, honor, and glorify thee as thou deservest. Amen.

The faithful are invited to make, at fixed times in the day, according to their opportunities, one or more of the following aspirations of love to the Sacred Heart of Jesus :

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I love thee, and desire to love thee more and more !

O Heart of Jesus, burning with love of us, inflame our hearts with the love of thee !

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, mayest thou be known, loved and adored throughout all the world !

O Heart of my dear Redeemer, may the love of thy friends supply all the injuries and neglects which thou sustainest !

An Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

O dearest and most loving Lord, who dost invite me to give thee my heart, and commandest me to love thee with my whole heart, I most earnestly desire to perform thy will. For whom have I in heaven but thee? There is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee. For thee my heart and my flesh have fainted away. Thou art the God of my heart, and my portion forever.

Thou art the source of all perfection, whom the angels delight to behold. Thou hast thought of me from all eternity, and hast bestowed on me in time this excellent being, "a little lower than the angels." Thou dost sustain me every moment, lest I should fall back into my original nothingness. When I was lost in my sin, thou, the co-equal Son of the eternal Father, didst give thyself for me, taking upon thee my feeble nature, that thou mightest suffer in my stead. Oh, what bitter sufferings didst thou undergo for me in the garden and on the cross! [*Here pause a while to meditate briefly on some principal sufferings of our Lord, especially such as may in any way resemble your own; for instance, loss, or ingratitude of friends, calumnies, reproaches, desolation of spirit, &c.*] O my bountiful and most loving Lord, can it be that such excess of love should not move me to such poor return as I can make thee! Yes, Lord, I will love thee, because thou didst first love me. I will try to love thee, as thou hast commanded, with all my heart, all my mind, all my soul, and all my strength. I protest before thee, that henceforth neither tribulation, nor distress, nor persecution, nor life, nor death, nor any created thing, shall be able to separate me from thee, my beginning and my end. Quench, then, by thy Holy Spirit, all love of the world and of myself which still reigns within me; enable me to bear thy sweet yoke, that I may learn of thee to be meek and humble of heart. Pierce my soul with a deep sense of my own wretchedness, that so I may learn to esteem others better than myself.

O meek and humble Heart of my Jesus! O Heart of

love, teach me to love thee. Be henceforth the moving principle of my heart; shape all its desires and affections according to thine own, till at length it comes to be absorbed in the abyss of pure love for all eternity Amen.

Prayer of St. Gertrude to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Sacred Heart of Jesus! living and life-giving fount of eternal life, infinite treasure of the divinity, glowing furnace of love! Thou art my refuge and my sanctuary. O my adorable and lovely Saviour! consume my heart with that burning fire wherewith thine is ever inflamed; pour down on my soul those graces which flow from thy love, and let my heart be so united with thine, that our wills may be one, and mine in all things conformed to thine. May thine be the rule alike of my desires and of my actions. Amen.

An Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

O adorable Heart of my God and Saviour, filled with a lively sorrow at the thought of the injuries which thou hast received, and art every day receiving, in the august Sacrament of the altar, I prostrate myself at thy feet, to make thee an act of humble reparation for all that thou hast suffered. Oh, that by my reverence, by my devotion, I could make amends to thy outraged majesty! Oh, that I could do so, even at the sacrifice of my life! Call to mind thy mercies, O Jesus! and grant me the pardon which I beg for so many impious, heretical, and slothful Christians who dishonor thee, and above all for myself, who have so often offended thee. Remember not my ingratitude; but remember that thy divine Heart, bearing the burden of my sins, was afflicted even unto death. Let not thy sufferings and thy blood be in vain: destroy in me my sinful heart, and give me one according to thine own, an humble and a contrite heart; a heart that is pure, and full of horror for sin; a heart that henceforth may be as a victim wholly consecrated to thy glory, and inflamed with the sacred fire of thy love

And for my part, I promise thee, O most sweet Jesus, to endeavor for the future, as much as in me lies, by my devotion in church, by my diligence in visiting thee in the Sacrament of the altar, by my fervor in receiving thee in the holy Communion, to make reparation for the irreverences, the profanations, and the sacrileges which I deplore in the bitterness of my soul. Amen.

A Visit to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Heart of Jesus! who remainest day and night amongst us, inviting, expecting, receiving, all those who come to visit thee, I worship thee, and confess to thee my misery and my nothingness. I thank thee for all the mercies which thou hast bestowed upon me, especially for delivering me from the power of the devil; for restoring to me the dignity of a child of God, which I had lost by sin; for giving me blessed Mary for my advocate; and inspiring me with the desire to come into thy presence. I thank thee with all my heart, that thou vouchsafest to remain open for me; I desire to repair the injuries which I have had the misery to inflict upon thee, by my coldness and indifference to thy service. Oh, that I could honor thee as thou deservest to be honored, in all places where now thou art the least honored and the most neglected. Amen.

And thou, immaculate Mary, most holy and dear Mother of fair love, who so earnestly desirest that thy divine Son should be loved by all, obtain for me, by thy most powerful intercession, that he may receive and accept this solemn consecration, which I this day make of my whole self in thy presence; to the end that my name may be written indelibly in the number of those happy souls, who, faithful and constant in his service, shall never be separated from the most sweet love of thy dear and most amiable Son Jesus. Amen.

The Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be found in its place, p. 703.

Form of Admission into the Confraternity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

I _____, for the greater honor of Jesus Christ crucified, and of his divine Heart, burning with love in the blessed Eucharist, and also to repair the outrages he receives in this august Sacrament, associate myself of my own free will to the faithful received into this pious Confraternity; I desire to participate in the indulgences with which it is enriched, and in the good works therein performed; both for the expiation of my own sins, and for the assistance of the suffering souls in purgatory.

O sweet Jesus! enclose in thy Sacred Heart all the members of this Association; grant that, faithfully observing the precepts of thy law, and fulfilling the duties proper to their condition, they may be more and more inflamed with the fire of thy divine love. Amen.

Received at _____

on this _____ day of _____

Director

The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament

THIS Confraternity was established at Rome about the commencement of the 16th century; its object being to pay especial honor to Jesus Christ in the sacrament of his love, and to make reparation for the injuries committed against him therein.

The associates engage—1. To promote, by every means, the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament. 2. To assist at processions in honor of it. 3. To make offerings of candles, &c., for its altar 4. To say five "Our Fathers," and

five "Hail Marys" every week in honor of it. 5. To accompany the Blessed Sacrament to the sick, or to say instead five "Our Fathers" and five "Hail Marys."

The indulgences attached to the Confraternity are—1. A plenary indulgence, in the form of Jubilee (with the usual conditions), on the day of admission; also three times during life. 2. A plenary indulgence for assisting at the procession in the octave of Corpus Christi, or, where unable to assist in person, for uniting in spirit with the same object; also at the hour of death, on invoking, at least mentally, the holy name of Jesus. 3. An indulgence of seven years and seven *quadrages* (with the usual conditions) on the feast of Corpus Christi, also on Maundy-Thursday, on condition of confession, &c., and assisting at the procession. 4. An indulgence of 100 days for accompanying the *viaticum* to the sick, or *praying as above*; for assisting at processions or offices of the Confraternity; for visiting the chapel of the Confraternity on Fridays; for visiting the Blessed Sacrament on Maundy-Thursday; for assisting at Mass in the chapel of the Confraternity on days of its assembling, or at processions; for assisting at a funeral; for *praying as above* for the soul of a deceased brother; for exercising hospitality to the poor; reconciling persons at variance; reclaiming a sinner; instructing the ignorant; visiting the sick or imprisoned; giving alms, or doing any work of corporal or spiritual mercy.

All these indulgences are applicable to the souls in purgatory.

Ejaculatory Prayer to the Blessed Sacrament.

Praised and glorified each moment be the most Holy and Divine Sacrament!

The following indulgences are attached to the repetition of this prayer:—1. An indulgence of 100 days once a day. 2. The same three times a day on all Thursdays in the year on the feast of Corpus Christi, and on any day during the octave. 3. A plenary indulgence (with the usual conditions) to those who shall have repeated it every day for a month, on any day at choice. The partial indulgence of 100 days is applicable to the souls in purgatory, on repeating the prayer when the bell announces the exposition benediction, or elevation of the Blessed Sacrament.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Mary.

DEVOTION to the Heart of Mary is but the consequence of the devotion due to the Heart of Jesus. It is a consequence of that boundless love of Jesus for his most holy Mother which leads him to share with her all his riches and honors so far as they can be communicated to a creature. The Church never dissociates the Mother from her divine Son in the festivals which she celebrates to his honor. If she celebrates the mysteries of the Saviour, from his Incarnation to his Ascension, she celebrates likewise all the mysteries of Mary, from her Conception to her Assumption. The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Mary is, therefore, but the natural consequence of that of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Let us love and honor these two Hearts, so intimately united; let us go to the Father through the Heart of Jesus; let us go to the Saviour through the Heart of Mary. Let us render to God the Father, through the Heart of Jesus, what we owe to his infinite justice and goodness; and let us render to God the Son, through the Heart of Mary, what we owe to his mercy, and all his benefits to us. We shall obtain every thing from the Father and the Holy Ghost through the Heart of Jesus, and we shall obtain every thing from the Son through the Heart of Mary. It is customary with many pious persons to dedicate the first Saturday in the month to the particular honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as the first Friday is devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To this end, they assist at Mass and make a spiritual communion, if they cannot communicate sacramentally to thank God for all the graces he has bestowed upon Mary, and for the tender affection with which he has filled her heart towards us. In the evening they visit some church or altar dedicated to the blessed Virgin; or, if that be impossible, they pay a visit to her image in their own oratory, or elsewhere.

An Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Mary.

O Heart of Mary I honor thee as the Heart most pleasing to our Lord, and most intimately united to him. I love thee as the Heart of the best of mothers, and I rejoice in thy glorious prerogatives. Prostrate before

thee, O Heart of Mary, I make thee this humble act of reparation for all the outrages which thou hast received from me and from all mankind. I humbly confess that I have been guilty of the greatest ingratitude towards thee; but seeing that, through thee, the divine mercy has so often had regard unto me, I venture even yet to hope that thou wilt not abandon me. In this sweet confidence, I am animated by a most earnest desire to be more faithful and more devoted to thee. I pray thee to accept all the good that henceforth I am resolved to do, to present it to thy dear Son Jesus, so that, through thee, my most loving Saviour may pour down his benedictions more and more on me, and on all who are dear unto me. Amen.

Another Act of Reparation.

I come to the foot of thy altar, O immaculate Heart of Mary, to recall, in the bitterness of my soul, the years of my childhood. Faithless to the promises which I have so often made to thee, I have filled thee with sadness, I have forsaken thy service for pleasures which have never brought me a moment's happiness. But I detest my fatal errors. I come to renew with thee that union which I have broken with so much folly and ingratitude. Reject me not, O Heart of the tenderest of mothers, but be henceforth my protector and my model to the hour of my death. Amen.

An Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Mary.

O Heart of Mary, I offer, I consecrate to thee my heart; thou shalt ever be the object of my veneration, my love, and confidence; I will pay thee my devotions every day; I will celebrate thy feasts with joy; I will proclaim thy greatness and thy goodness without ceasing; I will neglect no means of obtaining thee the honor and the homage which are due unto thee; I will bring all the thoughts and affections of my heart into conformity with thine; and I will make it my duty to imitate thy virtues, especially thy purity and thy humility.

Vouchsafe, O Mary, to open to me thy Heart, and to receive me therein, in union with all thy dear and faithful children. Obtain for me the grace I need to imitate thee, as thou hast imitated Jesus Christ ; succor me in all dangers, console me in all afflictions, and teach me how to make a holy use of all the goods and ~~the~~ of life. Amen.

Another Act of Consecration.

O Heart of Mary, ever Virgin ; O Heart, the holiest, the purest, the most perfect, that the Almighty hath formed in any creature ; O Heart, full of all grace and sweetness, throne of love and mercy, image of the adorable Heart of Jesus, that didst love God more than all the seraphim, that didst procure more glory to the most holy Trinity than all the saints together, that didst endure, for love of us, such bitter dolours at the foot of the cross, and dost so justly merit the reverence, love, and gratitude of all mankind ; I give thee thanks for all the benefits which thou hast obtained for me from the Divine mercy ; I unite myself to all the souls that find their joy and consolation in loving and honoring thee. O Heart most amiable, the delight and admiration of the angels and the saints, henceforth thou shalt be to me, next to the Heart of Jesus, the object of my tenderest devotion, my refuge in affliction, my consolation in sorrow, my place of retreat from the enemies of my salvation, and, at the hour of my death, the surest anchor of my hope. Amen.

Prayer of St. Gertrude to the Sacred Heart of Mary.

O immaculate Heart of Mary, I have nothing in myself to offer thee that is worthy of thee ; but what thanks ought I not to pay thee, for all the favors which thou hast obtained for me from the Heart of Jesus ! What reparation ought I not to make thee for all my tepidity in thy service ! I desire to return thee love for love : the only good that I possess is the sacred Heart of Jesus.

which thou thyself hast given me. I offer thee this treasure of infinite price; I cannot do more, and thou dost not deserve less at my hands; but, receiving from me this gift most precious in thy sight, be pleased, I beseech thee, to accept my heart, which I here offer to thee, and I shall be forever blessed. Amen.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

O Heart of Mary, Mother of God, and our Mother also; O Heart most worthy of love, in which the most Holy Trinity is well pleased; O Heart worthy to be loved and honored by angels and men, most similar to the sacred Heart of Jesus, whose clear and perfect image thou reflectest; O Heart of Mary, seat of mercy, full of the bowels of compassion towards us wretched creatures; warm, I beseech thee, the cold hearts of thy children, and make them henceforth think of nothing, love nothing, desire nothing, but only the Heart of Jesus Christ. Infuse into our breasts the love of thy virtues, and kindle in them the flame of thy unfailing charity. Watch over the Church, and continually defend it; be thou the sweet refuge of all faithful Christians; be thou their impregnable tower, wherein they may abide secure against the assaults of the enemy. Through thee, O Heart of Mary, may we have access to thy Son, through thee may we obtain all graces necessary to eternal salvation. Assist us in all straits and necessities, comfort us when sorrowful, strengthen us when tempted, be thou our refuge in persecution, our succor in danger; but especially at the hour of death, in our last mortal agony, when the powers of hell assail us that they may take away our soul,—in that terrible day, and at that tremendous hour, on which our eternity depends, then, O most compassionate Virgin, make thy servants feel the goodness of thy maternal Heart; then, be mindful, we beseech thee, of that power which the Saviour of the world, who was born of thee, hath given to thee. Grant us a most safe retreat in the very fountain of mercy, that one day we may be made worthy to

glorify, with thee, in the heavens, the most sacred Heart of thy dear Son, forever and ever. Amen.

May the divine Heart of Jesus and the immaculate Heart of Mary be always, and in all places, acknowledged, praised, blessed, loved, and faithfully honored and glorified. Amen.

Pope Pius VII. granted to the faithful who should recite with devotion the preceding prayer—1. An indulgence of 60 days, once a day. 2. A plenary indulgence on the feasts of the Assumption, the Nativity, and the Sacred Heart of Mary,* to all who, having recited it for a year, shall perform the usual conditions of confession and communion, and visit a church, or at least an altar, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, to pray for the intentions of the Pope. 3. A plenary indulgence at the hour of death to all who shall have recited it frequently during their life. These indulgences are applicable to the souls in purgatory

The Association of the Holy and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

THE archconfraternity under this title was established at Paris, in the Church of *Notre Dame des Victoires*, December 16th, 1836. It was approved by the Pope, April 24th, 1838, with the privilege of aggregating to itself other similar associations. The primary object of the Association is to pray for the conversion of sinners and of persons in error; and God has been pleased to answer its prayers in a most remarkable manner.

All that is absolutely necessary on the part of each associate is, after registration of name, to recite every day the "Hail Mary" for the intentions of the Association. The fol-

* This feast has no fixed day. It is solemnized in some churches, with the approbation of the Ordinary, on the 8th of February; in others, on the 1st of June; and in some churches, on the Sunday within the octave of the Assumption.

owing pious exercises, though best suited to answer the ends of the Association, are not strictly required :—

An Act of Oblation to be recited daily.

I offer up to God all the thoughts, words, and actions of this day, and more particularly all my prayers and devotions, through the Holy and Immaculate Heart of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary; and I pray for the conversion of sinners, especially those who have been recommended to my prayers, and for the sanctification of all in this community.

Mary, refuge of sinners, pray for us.

Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us, who seek thy succor.

Hail, Mary.

It is recommended further—1. To communicate once a month. 2. To recite the rosary once a week: both for the intentions of the Association. 3. to wear, as a badge, the medal of the Immaculate Conception. 4. To say often the *Memorare* prayer.

The plenary indulgences granted to the associates, with the usual conditions, are—1. On the day of admission. 2. At the hour of death. 3. On the Sunday before Septuagesima, the principal feast of the Association. 4. On the Feast of our Lord's Circumcision. 5. On the Feasts of the Purification, Annunciation, Assumption, Conception, Dolors, and Nativity of our Blessed Lady. 6. On the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. 7. On the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen. 8. On any two days of the month. 9. On the anniversary of their baptism.

There is also an indulgence of 500 days for all the members and other persons who assist at the Masses celebrated on Saturdays, in honor of the holy and immaculate Heart of Mary, in the church or chapel of the Confraternity, and there pray for the conversion of sinners.

The benefits of the Association extend beyond this life, for a Mass is celebrated for the deceased members at *Notre Dame des Victoires* on the first Saturday of every month.

Considerations

I. The Son of God died to save sinners, and we cannot

imitate his charity more agreeably to him than by ever aiming at the same object.

II. Prayer is the most powerful means of drawing down from God the grace necessary for it, and is, moreover, everybody's power.

III. No intercession is so effectual as that of the blessed Mother of God; let us therefore seek it.

IV. But then we must show true devotion towards her by imitating her virtues, particularly the purity of her heart.

V. The good example which we shall thus give will greatly forward the ends of the association.

VI. Let all the associates, therefore, encourage one another in diligence, in virtue, in devout exercises, especially in frequenting the Sacraments, and ever discourage all sin and irregularity, whether in word or work.

Prayers to the Blessed Virgin:

TO BE USED ON OCCASION OF PAYING A VISIT TO HER ALTAR OR IMAGE, OR AT OTHER TIMES.

Prayer for obtaining the Love of Mary.

O MARY, thou art the purest, the fairest, the holiest of creatures. Oh, that all men would acknowledge and love thee as thou deservest! But I rejoice in the thought of the great number of the just whose hearts are inflamed with the love of thee. O amiable Queen, I also, unworthy as I am, I also love thee, but I love thee too little. I desire to love thee more tenderly and more generously, for to love thee is one of the marks of predestination. I ask thee not for the good things of the world, its riches, its honors, or its pleasures; I beseech thee to obtain for me the grace to love thy Son with all the fervor of my heart, and to consecrate myself entirely to his honor and thine. O Mary, O my Mother, cease

not to pray for me, until thou seest me secure of possessing my God, of loving him and loving thee forever and ever. Amen.

Another Prayer.

Oh, that I had the heart of all the angels and all the saints, to love Mary as they love her! Oh, that I had at my disposal the life of all mankind, that I might consecrate it whole and entire to the glory and the service of this most amiable Mother! Oh, that I could engrave on all hearts and on all lips the lovely name of Mary, that name so powerful, which constitutes the delight, the security, the happiness, of all who utter it with a sweet confidence and a holy joy!

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to thee.

Prayer to our Lady of Peace.

O holy Virgin, my august Queen, obtain for me from thy divine Son the peace which he left as a heritage to his disciples. The world knows it not, it resides only in souls that are sanctified by grace. Obtain for me. I beseech thee, grace to maintain this peace with God, by my fidelity in keeping his law; with my superiors, by my submission, obedience, and respect; with my equals, by meekness, patience, and charity; with myself, by the practice of all virtues: so that it may be poured forth also upon my relations, friends, and all mankind. Obtain for me grace to live on earth in the peace of innocence, that at the last I may be found worthy of that ineffable peace which the blessed enjoy in heaven. Amen.

Prayer to our Lady of Consolation.

O Mary, most sweet, most amiable, and most glorious, thy name cannot be uttered in the secret of the heart without inflaming it with thy love; and they who love thee cannot think of thee without feeling themselves animated to love thee more and more, and put

ling all their confidence in thee. O Mary, O my Mother, thou seest my trouble, look upon me with an eye of pity; thou art the consolation of all who call upon thee in affliction, be thou, then, mine. Hearken to the sighs, graciously hear the prayers of my poor heart; forsake me not, but support me in affliction, and strengthen me in danger. Thou art the heavenly dew that sweetenest our sorrows; O Mother of consolation, I pray thee, sweeten mine; give peace to my soul, grant me all that thou knowest I desire of thee; obtain for me, from thy divine Son, the pardon of all my sins, the grace to sin no more, the blessedness to imitate thy virtues all the rest of my life, and finally a holy and a happy death. At that tremendous hour, be thou my protectress and my consolation, I beseech thee; O my tender Mother, come and receive my soul, to present it at the tribunal of the severe sovereign Judge, and to obtain for me a favorable sentence. I deserve not this at thy hands; but I am thy child. I love thee, and I desire to make thee loved by all hearts. Amen.

An Act of Reparation. to the Holy Virgin.

How great is my grief, O most Holy Virgin Mary, when I consider the injuries which thou receivest every day on the part of men! How can there be found hearts so hard and impious as to despise thee, who art worthy of the respect and love of angels and men! And among the very children of the Church, thine own children, there are some, alas! who feel nothing but coldness and indifference for thee; who take no pains to testify their gratitude and devotion towards thee; who never honor thee, or invoke thy intercession, or seek to gain thy protection. And how many times have I myself plunged into thy heart the two-edged sword! O Mother of mercy, I should never dare to lift up my eyes to thee, wert thou not the advocate of sinners. Oppressed with the burden of my infidelities, I come to ask forgiveness at thy feet, for myself and for all mankind. I acknowledge thy glory to be above

that of all creatures: I honor, with the Church, thy immaculate Conception and thy glorious Assumption: I believe thy power and all thy perfections to be proportioned to thy dignity of Mother of God; I acknowledge thee with joy as my advocate, my refuge, and my mother; I will glory all my life in being of the number of thy most devoted children, and it shall be my happiness to win all hearts to thy love. Vouchsafe, O spotless Virgin, to obtain for me grace to imitate thy virtues, and to dwell with thee hereafter in the abode of glory. Amen.

An Act of Consecration to the Holy Virgin.

O holy Mary, Mother of God, who, from the first moment of thy conception, wast free from the stain of original sin, I choose thee this day for my queen, my patroness, my advocate with God, and my glorious mother. I am most earnestly resolved, from this day, to persevere in thy worship, and in promoting thy honor during the whole course of my life; I will never say any thing, nor do any thing, nor suffer any who belong to me to offer, in their conversation or their actions, the slightest injury to the reverence and homage which are due to thee by a thousand titles. Vouchsafe, then, I beseech thee, O august Queen of heaven and earth, to admit me to-day into thy service forever, and to grant me thy holy protection every moment of my life. Above all, O most sacred Mother of my Saviour, I beseech thee not to abandon me at the hour of my death. Amen.

1 Prayer for Perseverance in Devotion to the Blessed Virgin.

O God, who hast placed us under the patronage of the most holy Mother of thy Son Jesus, and dost excite us to strive for the prize of our high calling; come into our hearts, and pour down upon us thy purifying grace, whereby we may persevere in thy service, and in the service of the same most holy Virgin Mary; so that, fortified by so powerful a protection, we may perform

those good desires which thou hast put into our hearts, and having effectually accomplished all that was set before us to do, may attain those things which thou hast been pleased to promise to those that abide in thee. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit God, forever and ever. Amen.

A Way of asking our Lady's Blessing.

Come, O my soul, prostrate thyself at the feet of Mary, thy Mother, and depart not till she hath blessed thee. O blessed of God, and enriched with all blessings, in thy mercy and kindness, bless my afflicted soul, and obtain for me, from thy beloved Son, abundant grace; that I may so faithfully serve both him and thee in this world, that I may be made partaker of eternal glory. Amen.

An Act of filial Reverence to Mary.

Pope Leo XII. granted, in perpetuity, to all the faithful who should recite the three following prayers, together with three "Hail Marys," to ask the Blessed Virgin's assistance in the practice of Christian virtues, and especially the holy virtue of purity:—1. An indulgence of 100 days each time they are said. 2. A plenary indulgence, once a month, on reciting them every day, with the usual conditions. These indulgences are applicable to the souls in purgatory.

I.

I venerate thee with all my heart, O most holy Virgin, as the Daughter of the Father of heaven, and I consecrate to thee my soul, with all its powers. *Hail Mary!*

II.

I venerate thee with all my heart, O most holy Virgin, as the Mother of the only Son of God; and I consecrate to thee my body with all its senses. *Hail Mary!*

III.

I venerate thee with all my heart, O most holy Virgin, as the beloved Spouse of the Holy Ghost; and I consecrate to thee my heart, with all its affections: obtain for me of the Holy Trinity the graces necessary for my salvation. Hail, Mary!

The Confraternity of our Blessed Lady of Mount Carmel.

COMMONLY CALLED THE SCAPULAR.

THE Scapular, or little habit of the most holy Virgin, was given by our blessed Lady herself to St. Simon Stock, general of the Carmelites, at Cambridge, 16th July, 1251, as a pledge of her love and patronage.

The principal indulgences attached to this Confraternity are:—1. A plenary indulgence (with the usual conditions) on the day of admission, the feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel, or any day within the octave, and at the hour of death, on invoking the holy name of Jesus. 2. An indulgence of five years and five *quadrages* any day in each month, with the usual conditions. 3. An indulgence of three years and three *quadrages* on any feast of the Blessed Virgin, with the usual conditions. 4. An indulgence of 300 days for abstaining from flesh-meat on Wednesdays. 5. An indulgence of 40 days, once a day, for saying seven "Our Fathers" and seven "Hail Marys," in honor of the seven joys of the Blessed Virgin; viz. those which she had at the Annunciation of the Angel, the Visitation, the Nativity, the Adoration by the Magi, the Finding of Jesus in the Temple, the Resurrection, and the Assumption. 6. An indulgence of 100 days for reciting the office of the Blessed Virgin; also, for assisting at a funeral, and for attending Mass, and other pious offices, in the chapel of the Scapulary; for showing hospitality to the poor, or performing any other work of charity. 7. An indulgence of five

years and five *quadrages* for accompanying the holy Viaticum when carried to the sick, and praying for them.

All these indulgences are applicable to the souls in purgatory.

To gain these indulgences, it is necessary, 1. To be admitted into the Confraternity by a priest who has faculties for so doing. 2. To wear the Scapular night and day.* Those who, from any cause, have neglected to wear it, may resume it themselves, and enjoy anew all the privileges of the Confraternity.

No particular devotions are prescribed; but it is customary to recite the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, or to say seven "Our Fathers," "Hail Marys," and "Glorias."

Pope John XXII., in his *Bulla Sabbatina*, declares that the Blessed Virgin appeared to him while he was a Cardinal, and promised that, on the Saturday after the death of any of her religious of the order of Mount Carmel, and of any of the members of her Confraternity of the Scapular, she would procure their deliverance from purgatory.

To gain the indulgences granted by this bull, it is necessary for the members of the Confraternity, 1. To observe chastity, according to their state. 2. To recite every day the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin, or the Canonical Office, if they are able. 3. If they are not able to recite either of these offices, to observe the fasts of the Church, and to abstain from flesh-meat every Wednesday throughout the year, except Christmas Day. These two latter conditions may be commuted by a confessor who has faculties for so doing.

The Association of the Propagation of the Faith.

THE object of this Association is, to assist, by prayers and alms, the missionaries of the Church in foreign nations.

The prayers of the Association are, one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary" each day. It will suffice to say, with

* Their names ought also to be inscribed in the Register of Members.

this intention, the *Pater* and *Ave* of the morning or evening prayers, and to add the following invocation: "*St. Francis Xavier, pray for us.*" The alms is one penny a week.

The indulgences attached to this association are—1. A plenary indulgence (with the usual conditions)* on the feasts of the Finding of the Holy Cross and St. Francis Xavier (or any day within their octaves); and once a month on any day at choice. 2. An indulgence of 100 days each time the prescribed prayers are said with a contrite heart, or a donation made to the Association, or any other pious or charitable work performed.

* * * The *Annals of the Propagation of the Faith* afford most edifying and agreeable spiritual reading.

[The Litany of St. Francis Xavier, with the Prayers annexed, may be used for the intentions of this Association.]

The Institution of the Holy Childhood.

The object of this Institution is, to rescue from an untimely death the children of Chinese parents, a multitude of whom are, by an unnatural and superstitious custom, annually doomed to destruction, either by being drowned in the sea and in rivers, or by being exposed to be devoured by dogs and swine; but above all, to open heaven by Baptism to the greatest possible number of these unfortunate creatures, and so to prepare the way for the conversion of the idolatrous nations, by giving to the children thus rescued from death a Christian education, in order that they may themselves become instruments of salvation, as teachers in schools, catechists, and also as priests and missionaries.

Extract from the Rule.

1. The Institution is placed under the protection of the Infant Jesus.
2. It is under the special patronage of the Blessed Virgin; the holy Angel Guardians, St. Joseph, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Vincent of Paul, being its secondary patrons.
3. Every baptized child can be a

* Another condition is, to visit the church or oratory of the Association, if there be one; if not, the parochial church will suffice.

member of the Association. 4. Children are admissible from the tender age to the time of their first communion. 5. The members of the Association can continue to belong to it till the age of twenty-one. Up to that period, persons *who have made their first communion* can still be aggregated to it; but at the age of twenty-one, they can remain members only on condition of their being members also of the *Association of the Propagation of the Faith*. 6. The Association is divided into sections of twelve members each, in honor of the twelve years of our Saviour's childhood. 7. The contribution from each member is one penny a month. 8. Each member must say every day (or if too young, some one must say in the child's name)—1. The "Hail Mary" (it will suffice to say with this intention the "Hail Mary" of the morning or evening prayer); 2. The following invocation: "Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for us, and for the poor little children of infidels."

Masses are offered for the members and for benefactors, as well as for the children whose salvation is the object of the Institution. All the Masses and prayers of the Association have a special intention in favor of Christian mothers, that all their children may attain the grace of holy Baptism; also to draw down the grace of God upon the young members of the Association, that they may dispose themselves in a holy manner for the great day of their first communion, and that they may persevere in their good resolutions.

The Scapular of the Passion,

AND OF THE SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY.

On the evening of the octave of St. Vincent of Paul, July 26th, 1846, our Lord appeared to a Sister of Charity, at Paris, while she was praying in chapel, before the hour of Benediction. He held in his right hand a scarlet scapular suspended by two ribands of wool of the same color. On one side, he was represented crucified; the instruments of the Passion lay at the foot of the cross; round this representation was written: *Holy Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, save us*. On the other side was traced the image of his Sacred Heart, and that of his blessed Mother; a cross was between the two, and around was this inscription: *Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, protect us!*

He appeared to her on several other occasions. On the feast of the Exaltation of the holy Cross she heard these words: *Whoever shall wear this scapular shall receive every Friday a large increase of faith, hope, and charity*

His Holiness Pius IX. grants: 1. A plenary indulgence every Friday to all who, wearing the scapular, shall (in addition to the usual conditions) meditate devoutly for some space on the Passion of our Lord. 2. An indulgence of three years and three *quadrages*, every day, to all who, with a contrite heart, should meditate for half an hour on the same mystery. 3. An indulgence of 200 days to all the faithful who should kiss the scapular in a spirit of compunction, and recite this prayer: *Tu ergo, quæsumus, tuis famulis subveni, quos pretioso sanguine redemisti.* (Help thy servants, we beseech thee, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.)

The scapular must be blessed by some priest having faculties for so doing.

The Sacrament of Baptism.

EXPLANATION OF THE CEREMONIES.

The ceremonies used by the Church in the administration of Baptism are very ancient. St. Basil mentions many of them, which, he says, are of apostolical tradition; as the consecration of the water, and of the oil used in the anointings, the renunciation of Satan and his works, and the profession of faith. St. Augustine mentions the sign of the cross, the imposition of hands, and the custom of giving salt to the catechumens. St. Ambrose speaks of the ceremony of touching the ears and nostrils with spittle, with the words, Be opened.

These ceremonies have a twofold signification. They are outward signs of that which the Holy Spirit operates inwardly in the souls of those that receive the Sacrament: and they also admonish them of that which they ought to do, and represent to them the obligations they contract.

The priest is vested in a white surplice, as denoting innocence, and two stoles, one violet, the other white. The violet color signifies the unhappy state to which sin has reduced mankind. After the exorcisms, the priest puts on the white stole, as the symbol of the innocence conferred by the Sacrament.

The priest goes outside the church to the person to be baptized, to teach us that, being still the slave of sin, he is not worthy of being admitted into the house of the Lord.

Addressing himself to the godfather and godmother, he says: *What name give you to this child?* A name is given, says St. Charles Borromeo, to show that the person is dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ, that being a sign of authority over him. This name, the Council of Trent teaches, should be that of some saint, in order that by bearing the same name, the person may be excited to imitate his virtues and sanctity; and that, while endeavoring to imitate him, he may invoke him, and pray to him, in the confident hope that he will be his patron and advocate, for the safety of his body and the salvation of his soul.

The wretched state to which sin has reduced the human race is still further intimated by the priest's breathing three times on the person to be baptized, which is done to drive away the devil, as by the Holy Ghost, who is the Spirit or breath of God. It also expresses the contempt which Christians have of him, and the ease with which he may be put to flight, like a straw with a puff of wind.

After having put to flight the tyrant who holds in captivity every one that cometh into the world, the priest imprints on the person to be baptized the seal of a very different master. He signs him with the sign of the cross on the forehead and on the breast, that Christ, who was crucified for our sins, may take possession of him; on the forehead, to signify that a Christian must never be ashamed to make open profession of the faith of his crucified Saviour; and on the breast, to signify that the love of Jesus Christ, and a readiness to obey all his divine commandments, and to share in his sufferings, ought constantly to reside in his heart.

The priest, as God's representative, then lays his hand on the head of the person to be baptized, to denote that he takes possession of him in the name of the Almighty.

He then exorcises the salt, to purify it from the malignant influences of the evil spirit; and puts a grain of this salt, thus blessed, into the mouth of the person to be baptized. The salt is the symbol of wisdom, when St. Paul says (Col. iv. 6) *Let your speech be always in grace seasoned with salt.* Salt is also a preservative against corruption. This ceremony, then, signifies that the person baptized must make known to the world the sweet savor of the law of God, by the good example of a virtuous and holy conversation; and show by all his works that it is the doctrine of Christ that preserves the soul from corruption, and establishes a firm hope of the resurrection of the body.

Having thus communicated to the person to be baptized the wisdom of Christ and the relish for divine things, the priest peremptorily commands the wicked spirit to depart, and never attempt to deprive him

At this precious gift, in the solemn words of the ancient exorcism then making the sign of the cross, he says: *And this sign of the holy cross which we make upon his forehead, do thou, accursed devil, never dare to violate.*

After this, the priest lays the end of his stole, the symbol of his authority, upon the person to be baptized, and introduces him into the church. Being come therein, the priest, jointly with the person to be baptized, or, if it be an infant, with the godfather and godmother, recites aloud the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed. He then again exorcises the unclean spirit, and commands him to depart in the name and by the power of the most blessed Trinity.

The next is a ceremony deeply significative. We read in the Gospel (Mark vii. 33-5) that our Lord cured one that was deaf and dumb by touching his tongue and his ears with spittle, saying: *Ephphetha*, "Be thou opened." Man, in his natural state, is spiritually both deaf and dumb. Therefore the Church, the Spouse of Jesus Christ and the depository of his power, follows his example; and the priest of the Church, taking spittle from his mouth, touches therewith the ears and the nostrils of the person to be baptized, repeating the same miraculous word; as if to signify the necessity of having the senses of the soul open to the truth and grace of God.

Then follows the solemn renunciation of Satan, and of his works and pomps. After which, the priest anoints the person to be baptized on the breast and between the shoulders, making the sign of the cross. This outward unction represents the inward anointing of the soul by divine grace, which, like a sacred oil, penetrates our hearts, heals the wounds of our souls, and fortifies them against our passions and concupiscences. The anointing of the breast signifies the necessity of fortifying the heart with heavenly courage, that we may act manfully, and do our duty in all things. The anointing between the shoulders signifies the necessity of the like grace, in order to bear and support all the severities and crosses of this mortal life. The oil is a symbol also of the sweetness of the yoke of Christ.

The moment having arrived at which another human being is to become the child of God and a member of the body of Christ, the priest denotes that sorrow is about to be changed into joy, changes his stole, and instead of the violet puts on a white one.

Then follows the profession of faith, after which the Sacrament of regeneration is thus administered. While the godfather and godmother both hold or touch their godchild, the priest pours the baptismal water on his head three times, in the form of a cross, repeating the sacramental words in such manner, that the three pourings of the water concur with the pronouncing of the three Names of the Divine Persons. The water is poured three times, while the words are pronounced but once, as

now that the Three Persons unite in the regeneration of man in holy Baptism. The godparents hold or touch their godchild, to signify that they answer for him, or that they engage to put him in mind of his vow and promise.

Then the priest anoints the person baptized on the top of the head, in form of a cross, with holy chrism, compounded of oil and balsam. This ceremony is of apostolical tradition, and signifies: 1st. That the person baptized is solemnly consecrated to the service of God, and made a living temple of the Holy Ghost. 2d. That by Baptism he is made partaker with Christ, the great Anointed of God, and has a share in his anction and grace. 3d. That he is anointed to be king, priest, and prophet; and therefore that, as king, he must have dominion over his passions; as priest, he must offer himself unceasingly to God, as a living sacrifice for an odor of sweetness; as prophet, he must declare by his life the rewards of the world to come.

The anointing over, the priest puts upon the head of the baptized a white linen cloth, commonly called the chrism, in place of the white garment with which the new Christian used anciently to be clothed in Baptism, to signify the purity and innocence which we receive in Baptism, and which we must take care to preserve till death.

Lastly, the priest puts a lighted candle into the hand of the person baptized, or of the godfather; which ceremony is derived from the parable of the ten virgins (Matt. xxv.), who *took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom*; and is intended to remind the person baptized, that, being now a child of light, he must walk as a child of light, and keep the lamp of faith ever burning with the oil of charity and good works, for the glory of God and the edification of his neighbor; so that whenever the Lord shall come, he may be found prepared, and may go in with him into the eternal life of his heavenly kingdom.

The Order of Baptism.

When every thing necessary has been properly prepared for the administration of Baptism, the Priest, vested in a surplice and violet stole, or at least the latter, receives the name of the person to be baptized, and interrogates him by name as follows:—

*Sacerdos. N., quid petis ab
ecclesia Dei?
Resp. Fidem.*

*Priest. N., what dost thou
ask of the church of God?
Godfather. Faith.*

Sacerdos. Fides quid tibi
præstat?

Resp. Vitam æternam.

Sacerdos. Si igitur vis ad
vitam ingredi, serva mandata.
Diliges Dominum Deum tuum
ex toto corde tuo, ex tota ani-
ma tua, et ex tota mente tua,
et proximum tuum sicut te-
ipsum.

Priest. What dost faith
obtain for thee?

Godfather. Life everlast-
ing.

Priest. If then thou wilt
enter into life, keep the com-
mandments. Thou shalt love
the Lord thy God with all
thy heart, with all thy soul,
and with all thy mind, and
thy neighbor as thyself.

*Then he breathes thrice gently upon the face of the person to
be baptized, and says once :*

Exi ab eo, immunde spiri-
tus, et da locum Spiritui
Sancto, Paraclito.

Go out of him, thou un-
clean spirit, and give place
unto the Holy Spirit, the
Paraclete.

*After that, he makes the sign of the Cross, with his thumb,
upon the forehead and on the breast of the person to be
baptized, saying :*

Accipe signum crucis tam
in fronte ✠, quam in corde ✠,
sume fidem cœlestium præ-
ceptorum, et talis esto mori-
bus, ut templum Dei jam
esse possis.

Receive the sign of the
cross both upon thy forehead
and also upon thy heart, take
unto thee the faith of the
heavenly precepts, and in thy
manners be such, that thou
mayest now be the temple of
God.

Oremus.

Preces nostras, quæsumus,
Domine, clementer exaudi;
et hunc electum tuum, N.,
crucis Dominicæ impressione
signatum, perpetua virtute
custodi; ut magnitudinis glo-
riæ tuæ rudimenta servans
per custodiam mandatorum
tuorum, ad regenerationis
gloriam pervenire mereatur.

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord,
mercifully hear our prayers,
and keep by thy perpetual
assistance this thine elect, N.,
signed with the mark of the
cross of the Lord, that, pre-
serving the rudiments of the
greatness of thy glory, he
may deserve, by the keeping
of thy commandments, to at-

Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

tain unto the glory of regeneration. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

Then he lays his hand upon the head of the person to be baptized, and says :

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, Pater Domini nostri Jesu Christi, respicere dignare super hunc famulum tuum, N., quem ad rudimenta fidei vocare dignatus es: omnem cæcitatem cordis ab eo expelle; disrumpe omnes laqueos Satanæ, quibus fuerat colligatus: aperi ei, Domine, januam pietatis tuæ, ut signo sapientiæ tuæ imbutus, omnium cupiditatum fœtoribus careat, et ad suavem odorem præceptorum tuorum lætus tibi in ecclesia tua deserviat, et proficiat de die in diem. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

Almighty everlasting God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, vouchsafe to look upon this thy servant, N., whom thou hast been pleased to call unto the rudiments of the faith: drive out from him all blindness of heart break all the bonds of Satan wherewith he was tied; open unto him, O Lord, the gate of thy mercy, that, being imbuted with the seal of thy wisdom, he may be free from the abominations of all wicked desires; and, by the sweet odor of thy precepts, may joyfully serve thee in thy Church, and go forward from day to day. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

Then the Priest blesses the salt, which, after it has been once blessed, may serve for the same purpose on other occasions.

The Benediction of the Salt.

Exorcizo te, creatura salis, in nomine Dei Patris ✠ omnipotentis, et in charitate Domini nostri Jesu ✠ Christi, et in virtute Spiritus ✠ Sancti.

I exorcise thee, creature of salt, in the name of God the Father ✠ almighty, and in the charity of our Lord Jesus ✠ Christ, and in the power

Exorcise te per Deum ✠ verum, per Deum ✠ sanctum, per Deum ✠ qui te ad tutelam humani generis procreavit, et periculo venienti ad credulitatem per servos suos cousecraui præcepi., ut in nomine sanctæ Trinitatis efficiaris salutare sacramentum ad effugandum inimicum. Proinde rogamus te, Domine Deus noster, ut hanc creaturam salis sanctificando ✠ sanctifices, et benedicendo ✠ benedicas, ut fiat omnibus accipientibus perfecta medicina, permanens in visceribus eorum, in nomine ejusdem Domini nostri Jesu Christi, qui venturus est judicare vivos et mortuos, et sæculum perignem.

R. Amen.

Then he puts a small quantity of the blessed salt into the mouth of the person to be baptized, saying :

N., accipe salem sapientiæ ; propitiatio sit tibi in vitam æternam.

R. Amen.

Sacer. Pax tecum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Deus patrum nostrorum, Deus universæ Conditor veritatis, et supplices exoramus,

of the Holy ✠ *Grant* I exorcise thee by the living God ✠, by the true God ✠, by the holy God, by God ✠ who hath created thee for the preservation of mankind, and hath appointed thee to be consecrated by his servants for the people coming unto the faith, that, in the name of the holy Trinity, thou mayest be made a salutary sacrament to drive away the enemy. Wherefore, we beseech thee, O Lord our God, that sanctifying ✠ thou mayest sanctify this creature of salt, and blessing ✠ thou mayest bless it, that it may become unto all who receive it a perfect medicine, abiding in their hearts, in the name of the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire.

R. Amen.

N., receive the salt of wisdom ; let it be to thee a propitiation unto life everlasting.

R. Amen.

Priest. Peace be with thee.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God of our Fathers, O God, the Author of all truth, we humbly beseech thee.

ut hunc famulum tuum, N.
 respicere digneris propitius,
 et hoc primum pabulum salis
 gustantem, non diutius esu-
 rire permittas, quo minus
 cibo expleatur cœlesti, qua-
 tenus sit semper spiritu fer-
 vens. spe gaudens, tuo sem-
 per Lomini serviens. Perduc
 eura, Domine, quæsumus, ad
 novæ regenerationis lava-
 crum, et cum fidelibus tuis
 promissionum tuarum æterna
 præmia consequi mereatur.
 Per Christum Dominum nos-
 trum.

R. Amen.

Exorcizo te, immunde spi-
 ritus, in nomine Patris ✠, et
 Filii ✠, et Spiritus ✠ Sancti,
 ut ex eas recedas ab hoc fa-
 mulo Dei, N. Ipse enim tibi
 imperat, maledicte, damnate,
 qui pedibus super mare am-
 bulavit, et Petro mergenti
 dexteram porrexit.

Ergo, maledicte diabole, re-
 cognosce sententiam tuam, et
 da honorem Deo vivo et vero,
 da honorem Jesu Christo Filio
 ejus, et Spiritui Sancto, et re-
 cede ab hoc famulo Dei, N.
 quia istum sibi Deus, et Do-
 minus noster Jesus Christus
 ad suam sanctam gratiam,
 et benedictionem, fontemque
 baptismatis vocare dignatus
 est.

graciously vouchsafe to look
 upon this thy servant, N.
 and, tasting this first nutri-
 ment of salt, suffer him no
 longer to hunger for want of
 being filled with heavenly
 meat, so that he may be al-
 ways fervent in spirit re-
 joicing in hope, always serv-
 ing thy Name. Bring him, O
 Lord, we beseech thee, to the
 laver of the new regeneration,
 that, with thy faithful, he may
 deserve to attain unto the
 everlasting rewards of thy
 promises. Through Christ
 our Lord.

R. Amen.

I exorcise thee, unclean spi-
 rit, in the name of the Father
 ✠, and of the Son ✠, and of
 the Holy ✠ Ghost, that thou
 go out and depart from this
 servant of God, N. For He
 commands thee, accursed one,
 who walked on foot upon the
 sea, and stretched out his
 right hand to Peter when
 sinking.

Therefore, accursed devil,
 acknowledge thy sentence,
 and give honor to the living
 and true God; give honor ✠
 Jesus Christ his Son, and to
 the Holy Ghost; and depart
 from this servant of God, N.
 because God and our Lord
 Jesus Christ hath vouchsafed
 to call him to his holy grace
 and benediction, and to the
 font of baptism.

Here he makes the sign of the Cross, with his thumb, on the forehead of the person to be baptized, saying :

Et hoc signum sanctæ crucis ✠ quod nos fronti ejus datur, tu, maledicte diabole, nunquam audeas violare. Per sanctum Christum Dominum nostrum

R. Amen

And this sign of the holy cross ✠ which we make upon his forehead, do thou, accursed devil, never dare to violate. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Then he lays his hand upon the head of the person to be baptized and says :

Oremus.

Æternam ac justissimam pietatem tuam deprecor, Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æternæ Deus, Auctor luminis et veritatis, super hunc famulum tuum N., ut digneris illum illuminare lumine intelligentiæ tuæ: munda eum, et sanctifica: da ei scientiam veram, ut dignus gratia baptismi tui effectus, teneat firmam spem, consilium rectum et doctrinam sanctam. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

I supplicate thy eternal and most just goodness, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, eternal God, Author of light and truth, in behalf of this thy servant N., that thou wouldst vouchsafe to enlighten him with the light of thy wisdom: cleanse him, and sanctify him: give unto him true knowledge, that, being made worthy of the grace of thy baptism, he may retain firm hope, right counsel, and holy doctrine. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

After this, the Priest lays the end of his stole upon the person to be baptized, and admits him into the Church, saying :

N., ingredere in templum Dei, ut hab eas partem cum Christo in vitam æternam

R. Amen

N., enter into the temple of God, that thou mayest have part with Christ: unto life everlasting.

R. Amen.

When they have entered the Church, the Priest, as he proceeds to the Font, says, along with the Sponsors, in a loud voice (in Latin or the vulgar tongue, according to circumstances):

Credo in Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, Creatorem cœli et terræ. Et in Jesum Christum, Filium ejus unicum Dominum nostrum: qui conceptus est de Spiritu Sancto; natus ex Maria Virgine; passus sub Pontio Pilato, crucifixus, mortuus, et sepultus: descendit ad inferos; tertia die resurrexit a mortuis; ascendit ad cœlos, sedet ad dexteram Dei Patris omnipotentis; inde venturus est judicare vivos et mortuos. Credo in Spiritum Sanctum; sanctam Ecclesiam Catholicam; Sanctorum communionem; remissionem peccatorum; carnis resurrectionem; vitam æternam. Amen.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pater noster, qui es in cœlis; sanctificetur nomen tuum: adveniat regnum tuum: fiat voluntas tua, sicut in cœlo, et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie: et dimitte nobis debita nostra sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem; sed libera nos a malo. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name: thy kingdom come: thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

And then, before he reaches the Baptistry, he says:

The Exorcism.

Exorcizo te, omnis spiritus immunde, in nomine Dei Pa

I exorcise thee, every unsanctified spirit, in the name of

is ✠ omnipotentis, et in no-
mine Jesu Christi, Filii ejus,
✠ Domin' et Judicis nostri,
et in virtute Spiritus ✠ Sancti,
ut discedas ab hoc plasmate
dei, N., quod Dominus noster
ad templum sanctum suum
vocare dignatus est, ut fiat
templum dei vivi. et Spiritus
sanctus habitet in eo. Per
eundem Christum Dominum
nostrum, qui venturus est ju-
dicare vivos et mortuos, et
seculum per ignem.

God the Father ✠ almighty
and in the name of Jesus
Christ his Son ✠ our Lord and
Judge, and in the power of
the Holy ✠ Ghost, that thou
depart from this creature of
God, N., which our Lord hath
vouchsafed to call into his
holy temple, that it may be
made the temple of the living
God, and that the Holy Ghost
may dwell therein. By the
same Christ our Lord, who
shall come to judge the living
and the dead, and the world
by fire.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

Then the Priest, wetting his right thumb with spittle from his mouth, and touching therewith, in the form of a Cross, the right ear of the person to be baptized, and afterwards the left, says :

Ephphetha ✠, quod est ✠,
Adaperire :

Ephphetha ✠, that is to
say ✠, Be opened :

And, touching his nostrils, adds :

In odorem suavitatis.

For a savor of sweetness.

Lastly, in a louder voice, he adds these words :

Tu autem fuge, Satana ✠.
ecce appropinquat Deus mag-
nus et potens, Deus a forti-
tudinem auferens.

But thou, Satan, fly ✠, be-
hold the God, great and
mighty, draweth near; the
God who taketh away the
prey from the strong one.

*Then he interrogates the person to be baptized, by name,
saying :*

N., abrenuntias Satana

N., dost thou renounce Sa-
tan ?

R. A renuntio.

R. I do renounce him.

Sacerdos. Et omnibus operibus ejus?

R. Abrenuntio.

Sacerdos. Et omnibus pompis ejus?

R. Abrenuntio.

Priest. And all his works?

R. I do renounce them.

Priest. And all his pomps

R. I do renounce them.

Then the Priest dips a small silver rod, or his thumb, in the oil of the Catechumens, and anoints the person to be baptized on the breast, and between the shoulders, in the form of a Cross, saying:

Ego te linio ✠ oleo salutis,
in Christo Jesu ✠ Domino
nostro, ut habeas vitam æternam.

R. Amen.

I anoint thee ✠ with the
oil of salvation, in Christ Je-
sus ✠ our Lord, that thou
mayest have life everlasting.

R. Amen.

Next, he wipes his thumb and the parts anointed with a cloth, and changes the stole from violet to white. Then he asks the person to be baptized, by name:

N. credis in Deum Patrem
omnipotentem, Creatorem cœ-
li et terræ?

R. Credo.

Credis in Jesum Christum
Filium ejus unicum, Dominum
nostrum, natum et passum?

R. Credo.

Credis in Spiritum Sanc-
tum, sanctam Ecclesiam Ca-
tholicam, sanctorum commu-
nionem, remissionem peccato-
rum, carnis resurrectionem, et
vitam æternam?

R. Credo.

N., dost thou believe in God
the Father Almighty, Creator
of heaven and earth?

R. I do believe.

Dost thou believe in Jesus
Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born into this world,
and suffered for us?

R. I do believe.

Dost thou believe in the
Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic
Church, the communion of
Saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and life everlasting?

I do believe.

Then, pronouncing the name of the person to be baptized, the Priest says:

N., vis baptizari?

R. Volo.

N., wilt thou be baptized?

R. I will.

Then the Godfather, or the Godmother, or both, holding or touching the person to be baptized, the Priest takes the baptismal water in a small vessel or pitcher, and pours it therefrom thrice on his head, in the form of a Cross; and at the same time, uttering the words once only, distinctively and attentively, he says:

N., ego te baptizo in nomine
 ✠ Patris, et Filii ✠, et
 Spiritus ✠ Sancti.

N., I baptize thee in the
 name of the Father ✠ [*he
 pours it for the first time*],
 and of the Son ✠ [*he pours
 it for the second time*], and of
 the Holy ✠ Ghost [*he pours
 it for the third time*].

This done, the Priest dips a stile, or his thumb, in the holy chrism, and anoints the person baptized on the top of his head, in the form of a Cross, saying:

Deus omnipotens, Pater
 Domini nostri Jesu Christi,
 qui te regeneravit ex aqua et
 Spiritu Sancto, quique dedit
 tibi remissionem omnium pec-
 catorum ipse te ✠ liniat chris-
 mate salutis in eodem Christo
 Jesu Domino nostro, in vitam
 eternam.

God Almighty, the Father
 of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who hath regenerated thee by
 water and the Holy Ghost,
 and who hath given unto thee
 remission of all thy sins [*here
 he anoints*], may he himself
 anoint thee with the chrism
 of salvation, ✠ in the same
 Christ Jesus our Lord, unto
 life eternal.

R. Amen.

Sacerdos. Pax tibi.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

R. Amen.

Priest. Peace be unto thee.

R. And with thy spirit.

Then he wipes his thumb and the part anointed, and puts upon the head of the person baptized a white linen cloth, in place of the white garment anciently used, saying:

N., accipe vestem candidam,
 quam immaculatam perferas
 ante tribunal. Domini nostri
 Jesu Christi, ut habeas vitam
 eternam.

N., receive this white gar-
 ment, and see thou carry it
 without stain before the judg-
 ment-seat of our Lord Jesus
 Christ, that thou mayest have
 eternal life.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

Then he gives to the person baptized, or (in the case of an infant) to the Godfather, a lighted candle, saying :

N., accipe lampadem ardentem, et irreprehensibilis custodi baptismum tuum : serva Dei mandata, ut cum Dominus venerit ad nuptias, possis occurrere ei una cum omnibus sanctis in aula cœlesti, habeasque vitam æternam, et vivas in sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

N., receive this burning light, and keep thy baptism blameless : observe the commandments of God, that when the Lord shall come to the nuptials, thou mayest meet him together with all the saints in the heavenly court, and have eternal life, and live forever and ever.

R. Amen.

Lastly, he says :

N., vade in pace, et Dominus sit tecum.

R. Amen.

N., go in peace, and the Lord be with thee.

R. Amen.

The Anniversary of our Baptism.

It is proper that we should keep the anniversary of our Baptism with especial devotion, to thank God for so great a blessing. Reflect, then, on the engagements which you made with him, and examine whether you have been faithful to them. If possible, receive the Holy Communion. Endeavor to pass the day in a spirit of recollection : make an act of reparation for all the infidelities of which you have been guilty, and recite the following prayers.

A Renewal of the Baptismal Vows.

O holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God in three persons, I bow myself down before thee, to worship thee, and to give thee thanks for all the blessings and mercies which thou hast poured forth upon me, with such bountiful goodness, ever since I was born. Above all, I thank thee for the grace of holy Baptism, which hath preserved and sanctified in me all thy gifts, and surpasseth man's understanding. By Baptism I was admitted into the bosom of the Church

I was made thy child; the gates of heaven were opened unto me. What thanksgivings, O my God, can be proportioned to such a grace, which is the source and the seed of my everlasting happiness!

O most holy Trinity, I acknowledge, with joy, that my Baptism consecrates me to thee, and that I receive therein the gift of faith, only that I might adore and honor thee all my life, by works worthy of the unspeakable favor which thou hast bestowed upon me, in associating me, in an especial manner, in the number of thy children, and making me a member of Christ and of his Church. I acknowledge, with joy, that I am bound to continue in myself the sacrifice of thy divine Son, and to form my whole conversation on the model of his life, by loving what he loves, and rejecting what he condemns.

These are my duties, O my God; these are the obligations of my Baptism—the holy and solemn law of my consecration, and of my admission into thy true Church. And although I understood them not when I contracted them, and my will had no part in the sacred contract, far from desiring to rid myself of them on that account, I give thee most hearty thanks, O my heavenly Father, for that thou hast supplied, in thy mercy, my inability to give myself to thee, by inspiring others with the desire of obtaining this great grace for me.

And now I ratify, in my own person, these vows and promises; I confirm and renew them with all my heart, before thy holy altar; and, confident in the hope of the succors of thy grace, I am resolved to labor all my life to perform all that was promised and transacted in me; same by those who answered for me.

O my God, I renounce the devil and his angels; I will hold no communication with him, nor with sinners who are his ministers; I renounce his service forever and submit myself to the law of Jesus Christ; I renounce, with all my heart, his pomps and illusions—*that is to say*, the maxims and vanities of the world. I will

not set my heart on its riches or honors, its pleasures or enjoyments. However poor I may be, I will believe myself truly rich, if I fear thee and love thee, O my God, and keep myself from sin, and am fruitful in good works.

I renounce all the works of the devil: lying, & ~~of~~ ~~whi~~ ~~te~~ is the father, pride, envy, hatred, and all kinds of sin I detest them all. I lament, in the bitterness of my soul, ~~all~~ those which I have unhappily committed. I most humbly ask thy pardon for them, and the grace which is needful for me, that I may never fall again therein, but may remain always faithful to those solemn vows which I make before thee.

O eternal Father! who hast vouchsafed to adopt me for thy child in Christ Jesus, and to call me to thy heritage, grant that I may live henceforth only for thy glory, and that all my endeavors may be to attain unto the fruition of thee, in thy glorious kingdom.

O Jesus, only Son of the Father, who hast taken me into thy body, and washed me with thy blood, accomplish in me, I beseech thee, the work which thou hast begun in me; make me to die wholly to sin, and perfect continually in me the new life, which I received in the waters of Baptism.

O Holy Spirit, adorable principle of our divine adoption, and of our new birth in Christ, be to me a spirit of compunction and penitence, that I may weep for my infidelities; a spirit of prayer, that I may never cease from confessing my weakness, and my need of thy powerful assistance; a spirit of faith and of fervor, to animate me to the performance of my promises; a spirit of mortification and of sacrifice, to keep me constantly watchful over my senses;—in fine, a spirit of perseverance, to bring me to the end of my course, and to the haven of salvation.

O most holy Virgin, Mother of our Incarnate God, remember that thou art the mother also of all the mem

bers of his body; be, then, the mother of my soul, and by thy powerful intercession, assist me to form again, within my heart, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Angel of God, who hast been appointed to watch over me, and to keep me in the way of salvation, and who hast been the witness of my consecration and my promises, assist me with thy loving care, and by thy prayers, that I may worthily perform the vows that are upon me.

And thou, great Saint, who hast been given me for my patron and protector, and for my example after Christ, offer me to him, to whom thou offeredst thyself all thy life long, as a victim of obedience and penance: and obtain for me grace to sacrifice myself henceforth to the will and glory of God, that I may have part in thy blessedness forever and ever. Amen.



The Sacrament of Confirmation.

INSTRUCTIONS.

When the Apostles had heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who, when they were come, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost. For he was not, as yet, come upon any of them; but they were only baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands upon them, and they received the Holy Ghost. Acts. viii. 14-17

CONFIRMATION is a sacrament, by which the faithful, who have already been made *children of God* by their baptism, receive the Holy Ghost by the prayer and the imposition of the hands of the Bishops, the successors of the Apostles, in order to their being made *strong and perfect Christians*, and *valiant soldiers of Jesus Christ*. It is called *Confirmation* from its effect, which is, to *confirm* or *strengthen* those that receive it in the profession of the true faith; to give them such *courage* and *resolution* as to be willing rather to die than to turn from it; and to arm them in general against all their spiritual enemies.

2. This sacrament was originally designed and instituted by our Lord for all Christians, and consequently is a *divine ordinance*, which all are obliged to comply with. It is so necessary, that the neglect of receiving it would be a great sin; more especially in circumstances where persons are exposed to persecution on account of their religion, or to other temptations against faith.

3. The principal effects of this sacrament are, a *fortifying grace*, in order to strengthen the soul against all the visible and invisible enemies of the faith; and a certain dedication and *consecration*, of the soul to the Holy Ghost, the mark of which dedication and *consecration* is left in the soul as a *character*, which can never be effaced.

4. Hence this sacrament can be received but once; and it would be a sacrilege to attempt to receive it a second time; for which reason also the faithful are bound to take extreme care to come to this sacrament duly disposed, lest, if they should be so unhappy as to receive it in mortal sin, they should receive their own condemnation, and run the risk of being deprived forever of its grace.

5. Now, the dispositions which the Christian must bring with him to receive worthily the sacrament of Confirmation, must be a *purity of conscience*, at least from all mortal sin: for which reason he ought to go to *confession* before he is confirmed; for the Holy Ghost will not come to a soul in which Satan reigns by mortal sin. 2. A sincere desire of giving himself up to the Holy Ghost, to follow the influence of his divine grace, to be his temple forever, and, by his assistance, to fulfil all the obligations of a soldier of Christ.

6. Hence a Christian ought to prepare himself for this sacrament by *fervent prayer*, as we find the Apostles prepared themselves for the receiving of the Holy Ghost. *They continued with one accord in prayer*, says St. Luke (speaking of the ten days that passed between the Ascension of our Lord and Pentecost), *and they were continually in the temple praising and blessing God*. How happy shall they be, who, like them, prepare themselves for the Holy Ghost by these spiritual exercises!

7. The obligations which accompany the character of Confirmation and which a Christian takes upon himself when he receives this sacrament, are, to bear a loyal and perpetual allegiance to the great King, to whose service he enlists himself as a soldier; to be true to his standard, the cross of Christ, the mark of which he receives on his forehead; to fight his battles against his enemies, the world, the flesh, and the devil, to be faithful unto death; and rather to die than desert from the service, or go over to the enemy by wilful sin. In fine, to live up to the glorious character of a *soldier of Christ*; and to maintain that interior purity and sanctity which becomes the *temple of the Holy Ghost*, by a life of prayer and a life of love. Where the character of our confirmation, when we all bring it before the judgment-seat of Christ, shall be

found to have been accompanied with such a life as this, it will shine most gloriously in our souls for all eternity; but if, instead of living up to it, we should be found to have been *deserters* and *rebels*, and to have violated this sacred character by a life of sin, it will certainly rise up in judgment against us, it will condemn us at the bar of divine justice, it will cast us deeper into the bottomless pit, and be a mark of eternal *damnation* and reproach to our souls amongst the damned.

DEVOTIONS.

Before Confirmation, it is proper to make a preparation of some days by frequent and fervent prayer, especially by devout acts of sorrow and contrition (for which purpose the Psalm Miserere may be also used), and by repeated invocations of the Holy Ghost in the hymn Veni Creator, Spiritus, or Veni Sancte Spiritus.

The Litany of the Holy Ghost may be also used daily.

Prayer for obtaining right Dispositions for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

O my God, through thy great mercy, I have received three of thy most holy sacraments; the first to make me thy child, the second to efface the stains which sin had made in my soul, the third to unite me with thy divine Son. Grant, then, I beseech thee, that the sacrament which I am now preparing to receive, may avail to the making me a perfect Christian; that it may give me strength and courage to combat my evil habits, to overcome all my temptations, to conform myself perfectly to thy law, and to become a true soldier of Jesus Christ, ready to suffer any thing rather than renounce his holy religion, and to maintain it, if need be, even at the peril of my life. This I most earnestly beseech thee, O my God, through the merits of thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost.

O almighty and eternal God, thou hast vouchsafed to adopt me for thy child in the holy sacrament of Baptism: thou hast granted me the remission of my sins at the tribunal of penance; thou hast made me to sit at thy holy table, and hast fed me with the bread of angels

perfect in me, I beseech thee, all these benefits. Grant unto me the spirit of Wisdom, that I may despise the perishable things of this world, and love the things that are eternal; the spirit of Understanding, to enlighten me and to give me the knowledge of religion; the spirit of Counsel, that I may diligently seek the surest ways of pleasing God and obtaining heaven; the spirit of Fortitude, that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation; the spirit of Knowledge, that I may be enlightened in the ways of God; the spirit of Piety, that I may find the service of God both sweet and amiable; the spirit of Fear, that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God, and may dread in any way to displease him. Seal me, in thy mercy, with the seal of a disciple of Jesus Christ, unto everlasting life; and grant that, carrying the cross upon my forehead, I may carry it also in my heart, and confessing thee boldly before men, may merit to be one day reckoned in the number of thy elect. Amen.

Prayer for the Twelve Fruits of the Holy Ghost.

O Holy Spirit, Eternal Love of the Father and the Son, vouchsafe to grant unto me, I beseech thee, the fruit of Charity, that I may be united to thee by divine love; the fruit of Joy, that I may be filled with a holy consolation; the fruit of Peace, that I may enjoy inward tranquillity of soul; the fruit of Patience, that I may endure humbly every thing that may be opposed to my own desires; the fruit of Benignity, that I may willingly relieve the necessities of my neighbor; the fruit of Goodness, that I may be benevolent towards all; the fruit of Longanimity, that I may not be discouraged by delay, but may persevere in prayer; the fruit of Mildness, that I may subdue every rising of evil temper, stifle every murmur, and repress the susceptibilities of my nature, in all my dealings with my neighbor; the fruit of Fidelity, that I may rely, with assured confidence, on the word of God; the fruit of Modesty, that I may order my exterior regularly; the fruits of Continency and

Chastity, that I may keep my body in such holiness as becometh thy temple, so that, having, by thy assistance, preserved my heart pure on earth, I may merit, in Jesus Christ, according to the words of the Gospel, to see God eternally in the glory of his kingdom. Amen

Acts before Confirmation.

An Act of Faith.—O Holy Spirit, I firmly believe that I am about to receive thee in the sacrament of Confirmation. I believe it because thou hast said it, and thou art the Truth itself.

An Act of Hope.—Relying on thy infinite goodness, O Holy and Sanctifying Spirit, I confidently hope, that, receiving thee in the sacrament of Confirmation, I shall receive the abundance of thy graces. I trust in thee that thou wilt make me a perfect Christian, and that thou wilt give me strength to confess the faith, even at the peril of my life.

An Act of Charity.—I love thee, O Holy Spirit, with all my heart, and with all my soul, above all things, because thou art infinitely good and worthy to be loved. Kindle in my heart the fire of thy love; and grant that, having received thee in the sacrament of Confirmation, I may faithfully perform all the duties of my state, to the end of my life.

Here also may be used the Renewal of the Baptismal Vows, p. 564.

A Prayer before Confirmation.

God of infinite goodness, receive, I beseech thee, my most humble and hearty thanks, for all the favors which thou hast bestowed upon me, from the very moment of my birth; particularly for that thou hast been pleased to rank me among those who are now about to be set apart and consecrated to thee by the sacrament of Confirmation. Thou offerest me the greatest of thy gifts; thou art about to seal my soul with the sacred character of a soldier of Jesus Christ, and to send thy Holy Spirit down upon me, that he may abide within me continually. O my good and merciful Father, en-

couraged by such special marks of predilection, I venture to implore, with humble confidence, that thou wouldst thyself infuse into my heart all the dispositions necessary for its becoming the habitation of such a guest. Alas! O my God, I am far from possessing those sentiments of faith, love, humility, and fervor, which ought now to animate my soul; but all things are possible with thee, and thou hast promised to give to them that ask. I most sincerely detest all the sins of my whole life; every fault, every imperfect inclination, which may be an obstacle to the graces which thou desirest to bestow on thy unworthy child. Vouchsafe, O my God, to purify my soul from every stain, by the infinite merits of the death and passion of thy dear Son. I most sincerely resolve to serve thee faithfully all the days of my life; but, of myself, I am unable to do that which I desire and resolve to do; therefore I beseech thee to impart to me the graces of thy Holy Spirit, that, like the Apostles, I may be endued with strength from on high, and inspired with courage and resolution, to prove myself the disciple of thy Son. I ardently desire to receive this most precious gift; but do thou, O God, render my desire still stronger and more ardent, and accept, I beseech thee, on my behalf, the fervent desires that animated the heart of the Blessed Virgin and the holy Apostles on the day of Pentecost, and let their perfect dispositions supply in all things my deficiencies, through Christ our Lord, who, with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever liveth and reigneth God, world without end. Amen.

THE CEREMONIES OF CONFIRMATION EXPLAINED.

The chrism used in Confirmation is a sacred ointment, composed of oil of olives and balm of Gilead, solemnly blessed by the Bishop on Maundy-Thursd. The outward anointing of the forehead with chrism represents the inward anointing of the soul, in this sacrament, with the Holy Ghost. The oil, whose properties are to strengthen and invig-

ate the limbs, to assuage pain, &c. represents the like spiritual effects of the grace of the sacrament in the soul, penetrating and diffusing itself throughout all her powers; oil also, being a smooth and mild substance, represents that spirit of meekness and patience under the cross, which is one principal effect of Confirmation. The *balm*, which has a particular property of preserving bodies, after death, from putrefaction, fitly represents the fortifying grace received in Confirmation, by which our souls are preserved from corruption after our sins have been destroyed by the sacrament of Baptism: also, being of a sweet smell, it represents the good odor or sweet savor of Christian virtues and an innocent life, *via* which we are to edify our neighbors, after having received this sacrament.

The anointing of the forehead is made in the form of a cross, because the virtue of this sacrament, as all other graces, comes through the merits of the sacrifice of the death of Jesus Christ; and to show that, being now confirmed in his service, and enlisted as his soldiers, we should never be ashamed of our Master's livery, but boldly profess ourselves disciples of a crucified Saviour, and members of his Church, in spite of all the world may do against us, either by ridicule or persecution.

The Bishop gives the person confirmed a gentle blow on the cheek, to teach him that, being now a soldier of Jesus Christ, he must fight manfully against all his enemies; suffer patiently all kinds of affronts and injuries for his faith; and bear with meekness all crosses and trials, for the sake and for the glory of his Lord and Master.

In giving him this gentle blow, the Bishop says, *Peace be with you*, to signify that the true peace of God, which, as St. Paul says (Phillip. iv. 7), "surpasseth all understanding," is chiefly to be found in suffering patiently for Christ's sake; and also to encourage him to do so by the hopes of reward, according to our Lord's promise (Matt. xi. 29): "Learn of me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and you shall find rest to your souls."

Persons usually take a new name at Confirmation, which ought to be the name of some Saint, whom they choose for their particular patron.

The Order of Confirmation.

The Bishop, wearing over his rochet an amice, stole, and cope of a white color, and having a mitre on his head, proceeds to the faldstool, before the midst of the Altar, or placed for him in some other convenient place, and sits thereon, with his back to the Altar, and his face towards the people,

holding his pastoral staff in his left hand. He washes his hands, still sitting; then, laying aside his mitre, he rises up, and, standing with his face towards the persons to be confirmed, and having his hands joined before his breast (the persons to be confirmed kneeling, and having also their hands joined before their breasts), he says:

Spiritus Sanctus superveniat in vos, et virtus Altissimi custodiat vos a peccatis.

R. Amen

May the Holy Ghost come down upon you, and may the power of the Most High preserve you from sins.

R. Amen

Then, signing himself, with his right hand, with the sign of the Cross, from his forehead to his breast, he says:

V. Adjutorium nostrum in domino Domini.

R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

N. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Then, with his hands extended towards the persons to be confirmed, he says:

Oremus.

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui regenerare dignatus es hos famulos tuos ex aqua et Spiritu Sancto, quique dedisti eis remissionem omnium peccatorum; emitte in eos septiformem Spiritum tuum, sanctum Paraclitum, de cœlis.

R. Amen.

Spiritum sapientiæ et intellectus.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate these thy servants by water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto them the remission of all their sins, send forth upon them thy sevenfold Spirit, the Holy Paraclite, from heaven.

R. Amen.

V. The spirit of wisdom and of understanding.

R. Amen.

Spiritus consilii et fortitudinis.

R. Amen.

Spiritus scientiæ et pietatis.

R. Amen.

Adimple eos spiritu timoris tui, et conigna eos signo crucis Christi, in vitam perpetuam. Per eundem Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit, et regnat in unitate ejusdem Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

R. The spirit of counsel and of fortitude.

R. Amen.

V. The spirit of knowledge and of godliness.

R. Amen.

Replenish them with the spirit of thy fear, and sign them with the sign of the cross of Christ, in thy mercy, unto life eternal. Through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, God, world without end.

R. Amen.

The Bishop, sitting on the foldstool, or, if the number of persons to be confirmed requires it, standing with his mitre on his head, confirms them, arranged in rows, and kneeling in order. He inquires separately the name of each person to be confirmed, who is presented to him by the Godfather or Godmother, kneeling; and having dipped the end of the thumb of his right hand in chrism, he says:

N., signo te signo crucis.

N., I sign thee with the sign of the cross.

Whilst saying these words he makes the sign of the Cross, with his thumb, on the forehead of the person to be confirmed, and then says:

Et confirmo te chrismate salutis. In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti.

And I confirm thee with the chrism of salvation. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

Then he strikes him gently on the cheek saying:

Pax tecum.

Peace be with thee

When all have been confirmed, the Bishop wipes with bread crumbs, and washes, his thumb and fingers over a basin. Whilst he is washing his hands, the following Antiphon is sung or read by the Clerks :

Confirma hoc, Deus, quod operatus es in nobis, a templo sancto quod est in Jerusalem.

V Gloria Patri.

Confirm, O Lord, that which thou hast wrought in us, from thy holy temple which is in Jerusalem.

R. Glory be to the Father.
&c.

Then the Antiphon Confirma hoc Deus is repeated; after which the Bishop, laying aside his mitre, rises up, and standing towards the Altar, with his hands joined before his breast, says :

V. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.

R. Et salutare tuum da nobis.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. Show us thy mercy, O Lord.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Then, with his hands still joined before his breast, and all the persons confirmed devoutly kneeling, he says :

Oremus.

Deus, qui Apostolis tuis sanctum dedisti Spiritum, et per eos, eorumque successores, meritis fidelibus tradendum esse voluisti; respice propitius ad humilitatis nostræ supplicatum; et præsta, ut eorum corda, quorum frontes sacro chrismate delinivimus, et signo sanctæ Crucis signavimus, idem Spiritus Sanctus in eis superveniens, templum

Let us pray.

God, who didst give to thine Apostles the Holy Spirit, and didst ordain that by them and their successors he should be delivered to the rest of the faithful, look mercifully on the service of our humility; and grant that the hearts of those whose foreheads we have anointed with the sacred chrism, and signed with the sign of the holy Cross, may

gloriæ suæ dignanter inhabitando perficiat. Qui, cum Patre et eodem Spiritu Sancto, vivis et regnas Deus, in sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

by the same Holy Spirit descending upon them, and vouchsafing to dwell therein, be made the temple of his glory. Who, with the Father and the same Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, God, world without end.

R. Amen.

Then he says :

Ecce sic benedicetur omnis homo, qui timet Dominum.

Behold, thus shall every man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

And turning to the persons confirmed, he makes over them the sign of the Cross, saying :

Bene ✠ dicat vos Dominus ex Sion, ut videatis bona Jerusalem omnibus diebus vitæ vestræ, et habeatis vitam æternam.

R. Amen.

May the Lord bless ✠ you out of Sion, that you may see the good things of Jerusalem all the days of your life, and have life everlasting.

R. Amen.

AFTER CONFIRMATION.

On returning to your place, after having been confirmed, consecrate some moments to thank God for the graces he has so mercifully bestowed upon you in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Imagine you are among the Apostles after the descent of the Holy Ghost, and join most devoutly in the transports with which they glorified God. Renew your good resolutions ; place yourself under the protection of the most holy Virgin, praying the august Spouse of the Holy Ghost to obtain for you grace to remain faithful to the divine inspirations, and to perform all that you have promised, for the glory of God and your own salvation.

O my good and merciful Creator, O my most loving Father, and hast thou indeed so far overlooked my misery and my unworthiness as to make my soul the tabernacle of thy Holy Spirit ! Am I indeed now honored with the pre-

ence, and enriched with the gifts and graces of the Holy Ghost! Yea, Lord, I confidently hope that thou hast not been deaf to my petitions, and that I am now in possession of that sacred gift which I so ardently desired. O my God, accept the praises of thy angels and saints, in thanksgiving for thy unbounded mercies towards me. May the blessed Mother of thy divine Son, and the glorious choir of Apostles, thank thee for me. May the cross of Jesus Christ, with which my forehead hath been signed, defend me from all my enemies, and save me at the last day. May the inward unction of sanctifying grace, figured by the chrism with which I have been anointed, penetrate my soul, soften my heart, strengthen my will, and consecrate my whole being to thy service.

Here may also be used the Prayer for the Twelve Fruits of the Holy Ghost, p. 570, and the Te Deum, p. 861.

Acts after Confirmation.

An Act of Thanksgiving.—O Holy Spirit, although I am unable to understand all the greatness of the benefit which thou hast now bestowed upon me, in communicating thyself into me with the abundance of thy graces; I return thee my most humble thanks for thy unspeakable gift, and I beseech thee to accept the grateful homage of my heart, which I here offer to thy divine Majesty. Oh, let this marvellous grace, which has imprinted on my soul the character of a perfect Christian, remain forever engraven there, and excite within me a never-failing gratitude.

An Act of Consecration.—O Divine Spirit, who, of thy pure bounty and infinite goodness, hast given thyself to me, notwithstanding my great unworthiness, how could I be so ungrateful as not to give myself wholly to thee? Receive, then, I beseech thee, the offering which I make to thee of all I am. I consecrate to thee my mind with all its thoughts; my soul with all its faculties; my heart with all its affections: henceforth thou shalt be the God of my heart, and my portion forever. Perfect, O Divine Spirit, what thou hast begun in me; strengthen the good desires with which thou hast inspired me, and wake me ever wholly on fire with the love of thee.

An Act of Petition.—O Holy and Sanctifying Spirit, thy

love towards me hath lavished upon me all thy gifts, and it is thy powerful protection alone that can preserve them to me. I possess this most precious treasure in a frail and earthen vessel: strengthen my weakness, I beseech thee, and grant that henceforth I may show myself worthy of the glorious title of a disciple of Jesus Christ. Rather let me die than drive thee from my heart.

A Prayer to be said before leaving the Church.

O Lord, I am about to leave this holy place, in which thy Holy Spirit hath vouchsafed to visit my soul. I am going to return to the world, whose whole spirit is opposed to the mind of Jesus Christ. Withdraw not thyself from me, O most Holy Spirit; give me not up to its malice and wickedness. Let thy love embrace me on every side. Suffer not that this forehead, on which the holy unction is still glistening, should ever be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, nor the members of my body, which is now become thy temple, should ever be dishonored and defiled by sin. O, may my heart never resist thee, O most blessed Spirit, but ever yield to the impressions of thy grace; for thou art the Spirit of wisdom and the Spirit of strength, and thou only canst accomplish in me those good desires with which thou inspirest me. Amen.

In this spirit every Christian ought to live after he is confirmed; for to this he is most certainly bound by the perfection of the sacrament. Although weakness, cowardice, and human respect may be somewhat excused in such as, through no fault of theirs, have not yet been confirmed, there can be no excuse for those who have received this sacrament. For the principal design and effect of this holy ordinance is to strengthen Christians against the snares and power of the devil, the world, and the flesh; to take from them the fear of men; to enable them to confess openly, and follow perseveringly, the sacred rules of the Gospel, esteem only Jesus to be their Master, and enter into no other warfare but his. To this end they are invested with the whole armor of Christ, that they may stand firm before persecutors and tyrants, who would do violence to their faith; and particularly before the people of the world, who offend against those sacred rules by their actions, by their words, by their excesses, by their vanities, or who otherwise join with the enemies of the Cross, in overthrowing that law which the servants of Christ are bound to assert and maintain.

A Prayer for the Renewal of the Grace of Confirmation.

(It may be used also on the Anniversary of the Day.)

O my Lord and my God, I have received, through thy mercy, the holy sacrament of Confirmation; preserve, I beseech thee, in my soul, and renew therein continually, the powerful effects of this divine ordinance, that I may be enabled henceforth to perform all its obligations, and to live according to the spirit of a true and perfect Christian. I have been enlisted into thy heavenly army, and have received the character of a soldier of Jesus Christ: grant that, always and in all places, I may prove myself the faithful servant of him, in whom dwelleth all the fulness of the Spirit, and, shedding forth the odor of a holy life, may edify my neighbor by my good example. Grant, I most humbly beseech thee, that neither the world, nor the customs of the world, may infect my soul with their pernicious maxims, and that its vain flatteries and allurements may never make any impression on my soul. Assist me by thy grace, that I may firmly reject the dangerous solicitations of the worldly, and hearken not to the poisonous discourses of the unbelieving; and may I endeavor, by my counsel and example, to prevent my brethren in the faith from being ensnared by their deceitful words, or falling a prey to their malicious wickedness, ever seeking to draw others to the same abyss of error and destruction. Grant also, O my God, such purity of intention, such true humility and strength of faith, that my whole heart and mind being raised above all earthly things, and the illusions of a false philosophy, I may seek but thee, put my trust only in thy divine word, and firmly adhere to the decisions of thy Church, which alone can surely guide the learned and the ignorant into the way of truth and everlasting life. Amen.

The Sacrament of Matrimony.

INSTRUCTIONS.

The holy state of Matrimony was instituted by the Almighty in the beginning of the world, and under the law of nature had a particular blessing annexed to it. *God created man to his own image: male and female he created them. And God blessed them, saying, Increase and multiply, and fill the earth.* (Gen. i. 27, 28.) Under the Mosaic law the Almighty more distinctly announced its dignity and obligations. Afterwards, under the Christian law, our divine Redeemer sanctified this state still more, and from a natural and civil contract raised it to the dignity of a sacrament. And St. Paul declared it to be a representation of that sacred union which Jesus Christ had formed with his spouse the Church. *This is a great sacrament; but I speak in Christ and in the Church.* (Ephes. v. 32.)

This sacrament was instituted by Jesus Christ, in order to bestow on those who enter into the married state a particular grace, to enable them to discharge all the duties required of them. It enables them to live together in union, peace, and love. It strengthens and purifies that natural affection, which, founded on virtue, and sanctioned by religion, can alone constitute the happiness of a married life. It corrects the inconstancy of the human heart; it softens down the asperities of temper, and enables each party to bear with each other's defects, with the same indulgence as if they were their own. It causes them to entertain sentiments of mutual respect, to preserve inviolable fidelity towards each other, and to vanquish every unlawful desire. It gives grace to subdue or regulate the motions of concupiscence, and to avoid every impropriety inconsistent with the sanctity of their state. For there is an innocence and purity as necessary in a married, as in a single life. It moreover gives them grace to discharge well that most important duty of training up their children in the fear and love of God. For these duties annexed to the married state cannot be fulfilled without great exertions, nor will those exertions be successful without the blessing and grace of God.

Therefore they who intend to enter into this state ought to proceed with the greatest prudence, and make the best possible preparation, that they may obtain these precious and abundant graces from the Almighty.

1. They ought to implore the Divine assistance, by fervent and devout prayer, to guide them in their choice of a proper person; for as the prudent choice which they make will very much depend their happiness, both in this life and in the next. They should be guided by the good character and virtuous dispositions of the person of their choice, rather than by riches, beauty, or any other worldly considerations, which ought to be but secondary motives.

2. They ought to enter into this holy state with the pure intention of promoting the honor and glory of God, and the sanctification of their own souls; and not from any merely earthly motive, or for sensual gratification.

3. They ought, moreover, to select a person of their own religion; for the Catholic Church has always, by every means in her power, discouraged mixed marriages; and experience shows, that a want of union in faith between the husband and wife is frequently attended with the worst consequences, both to themselves and to their children. A Catholic, on marrying a person of another religion, cannot be allowed to enter into an agreement that any of the children shall be brought up in any other than the Catholic faith.

4. Before they make any advance in a matter of such great importance, they ought to ascertain whether there be any impediment to prevent their lawful union; and parents are in duty bound to prevent too great an intimacy between their children and relations within the prohibited degrees of kindred. *First, second, and third cousins are within the prohibited degrees.*

5. They who intend to marry ought to ask the advice of their parents or guardians, &c.

6. Those who keep company with a view to marriage should be careful never to take or allow any indecent familiarities; for these are sinful, and draw down upon them the just indignation of God, in place of that blessing of which they then stand so much in need.

7. It is also advisable, some time previous to their marriage, to inform their Director of their intentions, that so he may have time and opportunity to point out to them the preparation most useful for them, and instruct them in the duties and obligations of the state of life into which they propose to enter.

8. They must obtain the pardon of their sins by worthily approaching the sacrament of penance; for should they receive Matrimony without purity of conscience, they would deprive themselves of the grace of the sacrament, and be guilty of a sacrilegious profanation of this holy institution.

9. The Church, in the General Council of Trent, sess. 24, c. 1, ever solicitous for the welfare of her children, exhorts the faithful before their marriage to receive with devotion the Holy Communion.

10. At the time of marriage, they ought to approach the altar with the greatest decorum and reverence (for there, in the presence of God and his Church, they are about to enter into a solemn contract and engagement, not to be broken but by death), and receive the benediction of God's minister with humble and sincere devotion.

11. When the married couple leave the church, they ought to carry with them feelings of respect for the holy sacrament which they have received, and of gratitude to God for his mercies. They should spend the day in such a manner as not to lose the blessing which they received in the morning. They ought to celebrate their marriage, like holy Tobias, in the fear of the Lord, and strive to conduct themselves amongst their friends with as much sanctity and decorum as if Jesus Christ were a guest among them, as he was at the marriage-feast at Cana. They should be particularly careful not to profane the day of their marriage by dissipation or intemperance, or any sinful diversions or indelicate allusions, which are unbecoming at all times, but more particularly on so important and sacred an occasion.

12. They ought frequently to reflect on their duties and obligations as inculcated in the word of God.

"Husbands, love your wives, as Christ also loved the Church, and delivered himself up for it. So also ought men to love their wives as their own bodies." (Ephes. v. 25, 28.) "Dwelling with them according to knowledge, giving honor to the female as to the weaker vessel and as to the co-heirs of the grace of life." (1 Peter iii. 7.)

"Let women be subject to their husbands, as to the Lord. Because the husband is the head of the wife; as Christ is the head of the Church. Therefore, as the Church is subject to Christ, so also let the wife be subject to their husbands in all things." (Ephes. v. 22-24.)



The Ritual for the Celebration of Matrimony.

The Priest, vested in a surplice and white stole, accompanies by at least one Clerk, to carry the book and a vessel of holy water, and by two or three witnesses, asks the man and the woman separately, as follows, in the vulgar tongue, concerning their consent. And first he asks the Bridegroom who must stand at the right hand of the woman :

N., wilt thou take N., here present, for thy lawful wife according to the rite of our holy Mother the Church !

R. I will.

Then the Priest asks the Bride :

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N., wilt thou take N., here present, for thy lawful Husband according to the rite of our holy Mother the Church ?

R. I will.

Then the woman is given away by her father or friend . and if she has never been married before, she has her hand uncovered ; but if she is a widow, she has it covered. The man receives her to keep in God's faith and his own ; and holding her by the right hand in his own right hand plighteth her his troth, saying after the Priest as follows :

I, N., take thee, N., to my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death do us part, if holy Church will it permit ; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

Then they loose their hands ; and, joining them again, the woman says after the Priest :

I, N., take thee, N., to my wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death us do part, if holy Church will it permit ; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

Their troth being thus pledged to each other on both sides, and their right hands joined, the Priest says :

Ego conjungo vos in matri-	I join you together in mar-
monium, in nomine Patris, ✠	riage, in the name of the
et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti.	Father, ✠ and of the Son,
Amen.	and of the Holy Ghost.
	Amen.

Then he sprinkles them with holy water.

This done, the Bridegroom places upon the book gold and silver (which are presently to be delivered into the hands of the Bride), and also a ring, which the Priest blesses, saying :

V. Adjutorium nostrum in
nomine Domini.

R. Qui fecit cœlum et ter-
ram.

V. Our help is in the name
of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heavens
and earth.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Benedic, ✠ Domine, annuum hunc, quem nos in tuo nomine benedicimus, ✠ ut quæ eum gestaverit fidelitatem integram suo sponso tenens, in pace et voluntate tua permaneat, atque in mutua charitate semper vivat. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Bless, ✠ O Lord, this ring which we bless ✠ in thy name, that she who shall wear it, keeping true faith unto her spouse, may abide in thy peace and will, and ever live in mutual charity. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Then the Priest sprinkles the ring with holy water, in the form of a Cross; and the Bridegroom, having received the ring from the hand of the Priest, gives gold and silver to the Bride, and says:

With this ring I thee wed; this gold and silver I thee give; with my body I thee worship; and with all my worldly goods I thee endow.

Then the Bridegroom places the ring on the thumb of the left hand of the Bride, saying: In the name of the Father; then on the second finger, saying: and of the Son; then on the third finger, saying: and of the Holy Ghost; lastly, on the fourth finger, saying: Amen. And there he leaves the ring.

This done, the Priest adds:

V. Confirma hoc, Deus, quod operatus es in nobis.

R. A templo sancto tuo quod est in Jerusalem.

Kyrie eleison.

V. Confirm, O God, that which thou hast wrought in us.

R. From thy holy temple which is in Jerusalem.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Pater noster, &c Et ne
nos inducas in tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo.

V. Salvos fac servos tuos.

R. Deus meus, sperantes
in te

V. Mitte eis, Domine, aux-
ilium de sancto.

R. Et de Sion tuere eos.

V. Esto eis, Domine, turris
fortitudinis.

R. A facie inimici.

V. Domine, exaudi ora-
tionem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te
veniat.

Oremus.

Respice, quæsumus, Do-
mine, super hos famulos tuos,
et institutis tuis, quibus pro-
pagationem humani generis
ordinasti, benignus assiste, ut
qui te auctore junguntur,
te auxiliante serventur. Per
Christum Dominum nostrum.
Amen.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Our Father, &c. And lead
us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from
evil.

V. Save thy servants

R. Who hope in thee O
my God.

V. Send them help, O
Lord, from the sanctuary.

R. And defend them out
of Sion.

V. Be unto them, O Lord,
a tower of strength.

R. From the face of the
enemy.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come
unto thee.

Let us pray.

Look, O Lord, we beseech
thee, upon these thy servants,
and graciously assist thine
own institutions, whereby
thou hast ordained the propa-
gation of mankind, that they
who are joined together by
thy authority may be pre-
served by thy help. Through
Christ our Lord. Amen

*After this, if the nuptial benediction is to be given, a Mass
is said, pro sponso et sponsa, as in the Roman Missal;
every thing being observed which is there prescribed, viz.:*

*After the Pater noster, the Priest, standing at the Epistle
side of the Altar, and turning towards the Bride and
Bridegroom, kneeling before the Altar, says over them the
following prayers:*

Oremus.

Propitiare, Domine supplicationibus nostris et institutis tuis, quibus propagationem humani generis ordinasti. benignus assiste, ut quod te auctor jungitur, te auxiliante servetur. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum.

Oremus.

Deus, qui potestate virtutis tuæ de nihilo cuncta fecisti: qui dispositis universitatis exordis, homine ad imaginem Dei facto, ideo inseparabile mulieris adjutorium condidisti, ut femineo corpori de virili dares carne principium, docens quod ex uno placuisset institui, nunquam licere disjungi: Deus, qui tam excellenti mysterio conjugalem copulam consecrasti, ut Christi et ecclesiæ sacramentum præsignares in fœdere nuptiarum: Deus, per quem mulier jungitur viro, et societas principaliter ordinata, ea benedictione donatur, quæ sola nec per originalis peccati penam, nec per diluvii est ablata sententiam; respice precibus super hanc famulam tuam, quæ maritali jungenda consortio, tua se expetit protectione muniri: sit in ea jugum dilectionis et pacis; fidelis et casta nubat in Christo, imitatrixque sanctam permanent foeminarum:

Let us pray.

Be propitious, O Lord, unto our supplications, and graciously assist thine own institutions, whereby thou hast ordained the propagation of mankind, that that which is joined together by thy authority may be preserved by thy help. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray.

O God, who by the might of thy power didst create all things out of nothing: who, when the beginnings of the universe were set in order, and man was made to the image of God, didst ordain the inseparable assistance of woman, in such wise that thou gavest beginning to her body out of the flesh of man, teaching thereby that what it had pleased thee should be formed of one, it should never be lawful to put asunder; O God, who hast consecrated the bond of matrimony by such an excellent mystery, that in the covenant of marriage thou wouldst signify the sacrament of Christ and his Church: O God, by whom woman is joined to man, and society as ordained from the beginning, is furnished with a blessing, which alone was not removed, either in punishment of original sin, or by the sentence of the deluge.

ut amabilis viro ut Rachel, sapiens ut Rebecca, longæva et fidelis ut Sarah; nihil in ea ex actibus suis ille auctor prævaricationis usurpet; nexa fidei mandatisque permaneat; uri thoro juncta, contactus illicitos fugiat; muniat infirmitatem suam robore disciplinæ; sit verecundia gravis, pudore venerabilis, doctrinis cœlestibus erudita; sit fecunda in sobole, sit probata et innocens; et ad beatorum requiem, atque ad cœlestia regna perveniat: ut videant ambo filios filiorum asque in tertiam et quartam generationem, et ad optatam perveniant senectutem. Per eundem Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum

look mercifully upon this thy handmaid, who, being now to be joined in wedlock, earnestly desires to be fortified with thy protection may it be to her a yoke of love and peace; may she marry in Christ, faithful and chaste, and remain a follower of holy women; may she be amiable to her husband like Rachel, wise like Rebecca, long-lived and faithful like Sarah. In none of her deeds may that author of deceit have any power over her; may she abide firmly knit to the faith and the commandments; joined unto one bed, may she fly all unlawful approaches; may she fortify her weakness by the strength of discipline; may she be in shamefacedness grave, in modesty venerable, in heavenly doctrines learned; may she be fruitful in offspring, approved and innocent; and attain unto the rest of the blessed and unto the heavenly kingdom; that they both may see their children's children unto the third and fourth generation, and arrive at a desired old age. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Then the Priest, returning to the middle of the Altar, says. Libera nos, &c., as usual; and, after he has received the Blood, communicates the newly-married couple, and proceeds with the Mass: and having said the Benedicamus

Domino, or Ite missa est, before he blesses the people, he turns to the Bride and Bridegroom, and says :

Deus Abraham, Deus Isaac, et Deus Jacob sit vobiscum, et ipse adimpleat benedictionem suam in vobis : ut videatis filios filiorum vestrorum, usque ad tertiam et quartam generationem ; et postea vitam æternam habeatis sine fine, adjuvante Domino nostro Jesu Christo : qui cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto vivit et regnat Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

May the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob be with you and himself fulfil his blessing upon you ; that you may see your children's children unto the third and fourth generation ; and may afterwards have everlasting life, without end, by the help of our Lord Jesus Christ ; who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God, world without end. Amen.

Then the Priest admonishes them to preserve fidelity towards each other ; to observe continency at seasons of devotion and particularly at the times of fasting and solemn festivals ; to love one another, and to persevere, with one heart in the fear of God. Then he sprinkles them with holy water, and having said the Placeat tibi sancta Trinitas, &c., he gives the Benediction, and reads the last Gospel, as usual.

A PRAYER

That may be daily said by a Woman in the state of Pregnancy.

O Lord God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, who hast made us all out of nothing, and redeemed us by the precious blood of thy only Son ; look down upon thy poor handmaid here prostrate before thee, humbly imploring thy mercy, and begging thy blessing for herself and her child, which thou hast given her to conceive. Preserve, I beseech thee, the work of thy hands ; and defend both me and the tender fruit of my womb from all perils and all evils. Grant me in due

time a happy delivery, and bring my child safe to the font of baptism, that it may be there happily dedicated to thee, to love and serve thee faithfully forever. But, O my God, I have too much reason to fear, lest my great and manifold sins should hinder thee from hearing my prayers, and draw down thy judgments upon me and mine, instead of the mercies for which I pray. And therefore I feel that the first thing I ought to do is, to repent, from the bottom of my heart, for all my offences, humbly confess them, and continually cry to thee for mercy. I detest, then, all my sins with my whole heart, and desire to lay them all here at thy feet, to be effaced and destroyed forever. I renounce and abhor them with my whole soul, because they are infinitely odious to thee; and I wish that I could expiate them with tears of blood: I humbly beg thy pardon for them all, and I wish, with all my heart, that I had never committed them. I here offer myself to make what satisfaction I am able for them; and I most willingly accept of whatever I may have to endure in childbearing, and offer it up now beforehand to thee for my sins; firmly resolving, by thy grace, never wilfully to offend thee any more. Look upon my poor heart, O Lord, and if it be not according to my words, at least I desire it should be so: I desire it should be that contrite and humble heart, which thou never despisest. In this disposition of soul, and with a lively confidence in thy mercies, and in the merits of the death and passion of Jesus Christ thy Son, I renew my most humble petition, and once more beg of thee, for myself thy grace and protection, and a happy delivery; and for my child, that thou wouldest be pleased to preserve it for the grace of holy baptism, sanctify it for thyself, and make it thine forever. Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord Amen.



The Benediction of a Woman after Child-birth.

When a Woman after Childbirth comes to the Church to give thanks to God, and to ask the Priest's Benediction, she kneels at the door or entry of the Church, holding a lighted candle in her hand; and the Priest, vested in a surplice and white stole, sprinkles her with holy water, and then says:

V. Adjutorium nostrum in
domine Domini.

R. Qui fecit cælum et ter-
ram.

Ant. Hæc accipiet benedictionem a Domino, et misericordiam a Deo salutari suo; quia hæc est generatio quærentium Dominum.

V. Our help is in the name
of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven
and earth.

Ant. She shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and mercy from God her Saviour: for this is the generation of them that seek the Lord.

Then follows Psalm xxiii., with the Gloria, for which see Office of the Blessed Virgin, p. 847.

The Antiphon Hæc accipiet is repeated.

Then, reaching the end of his stole to the woman's hand, the Priest introduces her into the Church, saying:

Ingrederere in templum Dei,
adora Filium beatæ Mariæ
Virginis, qui tibi fecunditatem
tribuit proliæ.

Enter into the temple of
God, adore the Son of the
blessed Virgin Mary, who
giveth thee fruitfulness of
offspring.

And she, entering in, kneels before the Altar, and prays, giving thanks to God for the benefits bestowed upon her; and the Priest says:

Kyrie eleison. Christe elei-
son. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ,
have mercy. Lord, have
mercy.

Pater noster, secreto

Our Father, *secretly*.

V. Et ne nos inducas in
tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo

V. Salvam fac ancillam tu-
am, Domine.

R. Deus meus, sperantem
in te.

V. Mitte ei, Domine, auxi-
lium de sancto.

R. Et de Sion tuere eam.

V. Nilil proficiat inimicus
in ea.

R. Et filius iniquitatis non
apponat nocere ei.

V. Domine, exaudi oratio-
nem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te
veniat.

Oremus.

Omnipotens, sempiterne
Deus, qui per beatæ Mariæ
Virginis partum fidelium pa-
rientium dolores in gaudium
vertisti: respice propitius su-
per hanc famulam tuam ad
templum tuum pro gratiarum
actione lætam accedentem:
et præsta, ut post hanc vitam,
ejusdem beatæ Mariæ meri-
tis et intercessione, ad æter-
næ beatitudinis gaudia cum
prole sua pervenire mereatur.
Per Christum Dominum nos-
trum

R. Amen.

*Then he sprinkles her with holy water, in the form of a Cross,
saying:*

Pax et benedictio Dei om-
nipotentis, Patris, ✠ et Filii.

V. And lead us not into
temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil

V. Save thine handmaid,
O Lord.

R. Who hopeth in thee, O
my God.

V. Send her help, O Lord,
from the sanctuary.

R. And defend her out of
Sion.

V. Let not the enemy pre-
vail against her.

R. Nor the son of iniquity
approach to hurt her.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer

R. And let my cry come
unto thee.

Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God,
who, through the delivery of
the blessed Virgin Mary, hast
turned into joy the pains of
the faithful in childbirth, look
mercifully upon this thine
handmaid, coming in gladness
to thy temple, to offer up her
thanks: and grant that, after
this life, by the merits and in-
tercession of the same blessed
Mary, she may merit to ar-
rive, together with her off-
spring, at the joys of ever-
lasting happiness. Through
Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The peace and blessing of
God Almighty, the Father ✠

et Spiritus Sancti, descendat and the Son, and the Holy
 super te, et maneat semper. Ghost, descend upon thee,
 Amen. and abide forever. Amen.

NOTE - *This benediction . not given except to those in lawful wedlock*



**The Benediction of a Woman in Childbirth, when there
 is a doubt of her safety.**

V. Adjutorium nostrum in
 nomine Domini.

R. Qui fecit cœlum et ter-
 ram.

V. Salvam fac ancillam
 tuam, Domine.

R. Deus, meus, sperantem
 in te.

V. Esto ei, Domine, turris
 fortitudinis.

R. A facie inimici.

V. Nihil proficiat inimicus
 in ea.

R. Et filius iniquitatis non
 apponat nocere ei.

V. Mitte ei, Domine, auxi-
 lium de sancto.

R. Et de Sion tuere eam

V. Domine, exaudi oratio-
 nem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te
 veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Onnipotens, sempiterne
 Deus, qui dedisti famulis tuis

V. Our help is in the name
 of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven
 and earth.

V. Save thine handmaid,
 O Lord.

R. Who hopeth in thee, O
 my God.

V. Be unto her, O Lord, a
 tower of strength.

R. From the face of the
 enemy.

V. Let not the enemy pre-
 vail against her.

R. Nor the son of iniquity
 approach to hurt her.

V. Send her help, O Lord
 from the sanctuary.

R. And defend her out of
 Sion.

V. O Lord, hear my pray-
 er.

R. And let my cry come
 unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God,
 who hast given to thy ser-

in confessione veræ fidei æternæ Trinitatis gloriam agnoscere, et in potentia majestatis adorare Unitatem; quæsumus, ut ejusdem fidei firmitate, hæc famula tua ab omnibus semper muniatur adversis. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, &c.

wants, in the confession of the true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and, in the power of majesty, to adore the Unity; grant, we beseech thee, that, by steadfastness in the same faith, this thine handmaid may ever be defended from all adversities Through our Lord, &c.

Oremus.

Domine Deus, omnium Creator, fortis et terribilis, justus atque misericors, qui solus bonus et pius es; qui de omni malo liberas Israel; qui fecisti patres electos quoslibet, et sanctificasti eos munere Spiritus tui; qui gloriosæ Virginis Mariæ corpus et animam, ut dignum Filii tui habitaculum effici mereretur, Spiritu sancto cooperante, præparasti: qui Joannem Baptistam Spiritu Sancto replesti, et in utero matris exultare fecisti; accipe sacrificium cordis contriti, ac fervens desiderium famulæ tuæ N. humiliter supplicantis, pro conservatione prolis debilis, quam mi dedisti concipere; et custodi parientem tuam, et defende ab omni dolo et injuria diri hostis, ut obstetricante manu misericordiæ tuæ, foetus ejus ad hanc lucem veniat incolumis, ac sanctæ regenerationi servetur, tibi in omnibus jugiter deserviat, et vitam consequi mereatur æternam.

Let us pray.

Lord God, Creator of all things, strong and terrible, just and merciful, who alone art good and kind: who deliverest Israel from all evil who madest whom thou wouldest chosen fathers, and sanctifiedst them with the gift of thy Spirit; who, by the co-operation of the Holy Spirit, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mary, that she might be worthy to be made a fitting habitation of thy Son; who madest John the Baptist to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and to leap in his mother's womb; accept the sacrifice of a contrite heart, and the fervent desire of thine handmaid, N., who humbly beseecheth thee for the preservation of the feeble offspring which thou hast given her to conceive; preserve thine handmaid in childbearing, and defend her from all craft and injury of the diabolical enemy; that, by thy helping

Per eundem Dominum ro-
trum. &c

hand of thy mercy, her off-
spring may come safe to this
light of day, and may be pre-
served for holy regeneration,
may evermore serve thee in
all things, and may merit to
attain unto everlasting life.
Through the same our Lord
&c.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

*Then she is sprinkled with holy water, whilst the 66th Psalm,
with the Gloria, is being said; for which see Office of the
Blessed Virgin, p. 871.*

V. Benedicamus Patrem,
et Filium, cum Sancto Spi-
ritu.

R. Laudemus et superex-
altemus eum in sæcula.

V. Angelis suis Deus man-
det de te.

R. Ut custodiant te in om-
nibus viis tuis.

V. Domine, exaudi oratio-
nem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te
veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo

Oremus.

Visita, quæsumus, Domine,
vinctam habitationem istam,
et omnes insidias ab ea et
præsentī famula tua longe re-
pelle et Angeli tui sancti
habitent in ea, qui eam et ejus
prolem in pace custodiant: et
benedictio tua sit super eam
semper: salva eos omnipotens
Deus, et lucem eis æternam con-

V. Let us bless the Father,
and the Son, with the Holy
Spirit.

R. Let us praise and highly
exalt him forever.

V. God shall give his An-
gels charge concerning thee.

R. To keep thee in all thy
ways.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come
unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Visit, we beseech thee, O
Lord, all this habitation, and
drive all dangers far from it,
and from this thine handmaid;
and let thy holy Angels dwell
in it, to preserve her and her
offspring in peace; and let
thy blessing be always upon
her: save them, O almighty
God, and grant unto them thy

cede perpetuam. Per Dⁿⁱ mi-
num nostrum, &c.

R. Amen.

Benedictio Dei omnipoten-
tis, Patris ✠, et Filii, et Spi-
ritus Sancti, descendat super
te et super prolem tuam, et
mansit semper.

R. Amen.

perpetual light. Through our
Lord, &c.

R. Amen.

May the blessing of God
Almighty, of the Father, ✠
and of the Son, and of the
Holy Ghost, descend upon
thee and upon thy offspring,
and abide forever

R. Amen.

The Penitential Psalms.*

Ant. Remember not, O of our parents: neither take
Lord, our offences, nor those thou vengeance of our sins.

Psalm vi. *Domine, ne in furore.*

1. David, in deep affliction, prays for a mitigation of the Divine anger
4. in consideration of God's mercy; 5. his glory; 6. his own repent-
ance. 8. By faith he triumphs over his enemies.

1 O Lord, rebuke me not and who will give thee thanks
in thine indignation: nor chas- in hell?

2 Have mercy upon me, O 6 I have labored in my
Lord, for I am weak: heal me, groanings, every night will I
O Lord, for my bones are wash my bed: and water my
troubled. couch with my tears.

8 My soul also is troubled through indignation. I have
exceedingly; but thou, O grown old among all mine
Lord, how long? enemies.

4 Turn thee, O Lord, and 8 Depart from me, all ye
deliver my soul: O save me that work iniquity: for the
for thy mercy's sake. Lord hath heard the voice of

5 For in death there is no my weeping.
one that remembereth thee: 9 The Lord hath heard my

* It is a pious custom to recite the seven penitential Psalms, respec-
tively, by way of prayer against the seven deadly sins

supplication: the Lord hath received my prayer.

10 Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let

them be turned back, and be ashamed very speedily.

Glory, &c.

Psalm xxxi. *Beati quorum.*

1. The blessedness of those whose sins are forgiven. 3. The manner of repentance. 6. Confession of sin brings ease, 8. safety, 14. joy.

1 Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven: and whose sins are covered.

2 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord hath not imputed sin: and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 Because I was silent, my bones grew old: while I cried aloud all the day long.

4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: I turned in my anguish, while the thorn was fastened in me.

5 I have acknowledged my sin unto thee: and my injustice have I not concealed.

6 I said, I will confess against myself my injustice to the Lord; and thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

7 For this shall every one that is holy pray unto thee: at a seasonable time.

8 But in the flood of many

waters: they shall not come nigh unto him

9 Thou art my refuge from the trouble which hath surrounded me: my joy, deliver me from them that compass me about.

10 I will give thee understanding, and will instruct thee in the way, wherein thou shalt go: I will fix mine eyes upon thee.

11 Be ye not like unto horse and mule: which have no understanding.

12 With bit and bridle bind fast the jaws of those: who come not nigh unto thee.

13 Many are the scourges of the sinner: but mercy shall compass him about that hopeth in the Lord.

14 Be glad, O ye just, and rejoice in the Lord: and glory all ye that are right of heart

Glory, &c.

Psalm xxxvii. *Domine, ne in furore.*

1. David's extreme anguish. 15. He hopes in God. 18. His resignation and grief. 22. Prayer.

1 O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation: nor chastise me in thy wrath.

2 For thine arrows stick fast in me: and thou hast laid thy hand heavily upon me.

3 There is no health in my flesh because of thy wrath: there is no rest to my bones because of my sins.

4 For my iniquities are gone: over my head: and, like a heavy burden, press sorely upon me.

5 My wounds have putrified and are corrupt: because of my foolishness.

6 I am become miserable, and am bowed down even to the end: I go sorrowfully all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with illusions: and there is no soundness in my flesh.

8 I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly: I have roared for the groaning of my heart.

9 Lord, all my desire is before thee: and my groaning is not hidden from thee.

10 My heart is troubled, my strength hath failed me: the very light of mine eyes is gone from me.

11 My friends and my neighbors: drew near, and stood up against me.

12 They that were once nigh me stood afar off and they that sought after my soul did violence against me.

13 And they that sought to

do me evil talked vanities and imagined deceits all the day long.

14 But I, as a deaf man, heard not: and as one that is dumb, who openeth not his mouth.

15 I became as a man that heareth not: and that hath no reproofs in his mouth.

16 For in thee, O Lord, have I hoped: thou wilt hear me, O Lord my God.

17 For I said, Let not mine enemies at any time triumph over me: and when my feet slip, they have spoken great things against me.

18 For I am prepared for scourges: and my sorrow is always before me.

19 For I will confess mine iniquity: and will think upon my sin.

20 But mine enemies live, and are strengthened against me: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

21 They that render evil for good spake against me: because I followed goodness.

22 Forsake me not, O Lord my God: go not thou far from me.

23 Haste thee to my help O Lord God of my salvation
Glorious &c.

Psalm 1. *Miserere.*

1. David prays for remission of his sins; 8. for perfect sanctity. 17. God delights not in sacrifice, but in a contrite heart. 19. David prays for the exaltation of the Church.

1 Have mercy upon me, O God: according to thy great mercy.

2 And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies: blot out my iniquity.

3 Wash me yet more from my iniquity: and cleanse me from my sin.

4 For I acknowledge my iniquity: and my sin is always before me.

5 Against thee only have I sinned, and done evil in thy sight: that thou mayest be justified in thy words, and mayest overcome when thou art judged.

6 For behold I was conceived in iniquities: and in sins did my mother conceive me.

7 For behold, thou hast loved truth: the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest unto me.

8 Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

9 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: and the bones that were humbled shall rejoice.

10 Turn away thy face from my sins: and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

12 Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy holy spirit from me.

13 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation: and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

14 I will teach the unjust thy ways: and the wicked shall be converted unto thee.

15 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall extol thy justice.

16 Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord: and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

17 For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would surely have given it: with burnt-offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

18 The sacrifice of God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humble heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

19 Deal favorably, O Lord in thy good will with Sion that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

20 Then shalt thou accept **ings: then shall they lay**
 sacrifice of justice, obla- **calves upon thine altars.**
 tions, and whole burnt-offer- **Glory, &c.**

Psalm ci. *Domine, exaudi.*

1. The extreme affliction of the Psalmist. 12. The eternity and the mercy of God, 19. to be recorded and praised by future generations. 20. The unchangeableness of God.

1 O Lord, hear my prayer. as it were bread: and **me**
 and let my cry come unto **gled my drink with weep**
 thee. **ing.**

2 Turn not away thy face 11 Because of thine indig-
 from me: in the day when I **nation and wrath: for thou**
 am in trouble, incline thine **hast lifted me up and cast**
 ear unto me. **me down.**

3 In what day soever I shall 12 My days are gone down
 call upon thee: O hearken **like a shadow: and I am**
 unto me speedily. **withered like grass.**

4 For my days are vanish- 13 But thou, O Lord, en-
 ed like smoke: and my bones **durest forever: and thy me-**
 are dried up like fuel for the **morial to all generations.**
 fire.

5 I am smitten as grass, 14 Thou shalt arise and
 and my heart is withered: **have mercy upon Sion: for it**
 for I have forgotten to eat **is time that thou have mercy**
 my bread. **upon her, yea, the time is**
come.

6 Through the voice of my 15 For thy servants have
 groaning: my bones have **delighted in her stones: and**
 cleaved to my flesh. **they shall have compassion on**
the earth thereof.

7 I am become like a peli 16 The Gentiles shall fea-
 can in the wilderness: and like **thy name, O Lord: and all**
 a night-raven in the house. **the kings of the earth thy glory.**

8 I have watched: and am 17 For the Lord hath built
 become like a sparrow that **up Sion: and he shall be seen**
 sitteth alone on the house- **in his glory.**
 top.

9 Mine enemies reviled me 18 He hath had regard un-
 all the day long: and they **to the prayer of the lowly:**
 that praised me have sworn **and hath not despised their**
 together against me. **petition.**

10 For I have eaten ashes 19 Let these things be

written for another generation: and the people that shall be created shall praise the Lord.

20 For he hath looked down from his high and holy place: out of heaven hath the Lord looked upon the earth.

21 That he might hear the groaning of them that are in fetters: that he might deliver the children of the slain.

22 That they may declare the name of the Lord in Sion: and his praise in Jerusalem.

23 When the people assemble together: and kings, that they may serve the Lord.

24 He answered him in the way of his strength: Declare unto me the fewness of my days.

25 Call me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are unto generation and generation.

26 Thou, Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundations of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

27 They shall perish, but thou endurest: and they all shall grow old as a garment.

28 And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

29 The children of thy servants shall continue: and their seed shall be directed forever.

Glory, &c.

Psalm cxxix. *De Profundis.*

The cry of a contrite heart imploring the Divine mercy.

1 Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

2 Oh, let thine ears consider well: the voice of my supplication

3 If thou, O Lord, shalt mark iniquities: Lord, who shall abide it?

4 For with thee there is propitiation: and because of thy law I have waited for thee O Lord.

5 My soul hath waited on his word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

6 From the morning watch even until night: let Israel hope in the Lord.

7 For with the Lord there is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel: from all his iniquities.

Glory, &c.

Psalm cxlii. *Domine, exaudi.*

1 David prays for favor in judgment. 3. He represents his distress. He prays for grace; 9. for deliverance; 10. for sanctification; 12. for victory over his enemies.

1 Hear my prayer, O Lord: give ear to my supplication in thy truth: hearken unto me for thy justice' sake.

2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul: he hath brought my life down unto the ground.

4 He hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead: and my spirit is vexed within me, my heart within me is troubled.

5 I have remembered the days of old, I have mused upon all thy works: I have mused upon the works of thy hands.

6 I have stretched forth my hands unto thee: my soul gaspeth unto thee, as a land where no water is.

7 Hear me speedily, O Lord. my spirit hath fainted away.

8 Turn not away thy face from me: lest I be like unto

them that go down into the pit.

9 Make me to hear thy mercy in the morning: for in thee have I hoped.

10 Make me to know the way wherein I should walk for to thee have I lifted up my soul.

11 Deliver me from mine enemies, O Lord: unto thee have I fled: teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God.

12 Thy good spirit shall lead me into the right land: for thy name's sake, O Lord, thou shalt quicken me in thy justice.

13 Thou shalt bring my soul out of trouble: and in thy mercy thou shalt destroy mine enemies.

14 Thou shalt destroy all them that afflict my soul; for I am thy servant.

Glory, &c.

Ant. Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents: neither take thou vengeance of our sins.

The Gradual Psalms.

Ps. cxx.—cxxi., pp. 899, 901; Ps. cxxii.—cxxiv., pp. 905–907;
 Ps. cxxv.—cxxvii., pp. 911–913; Ps. cxxviii.—cxxx., pp. 929,
 931, Ps. cxxxi., p. 973.

Psalm cxxxii. *Ecce quam bonum.*

1 Behold how good, and how pleasant it is: for brethren to dwell together in unity.

2 Like the precious ointment upon the head: that ran down unto the beard, even the beard of Aaron.

3 That ran down unto the skirt of his garment: like as the dew of Hermon that falleth upon Mount Sion.

4 For there hath the Lord ordained blessing: and life for evermore.
 Glory, &c.

Psalm cxxxiii. *Ecce nunc benedicite.*

1 Behold now, bless ye the Lord: all ye servants of the Lord.

2 Ye that stand in the house of the Lord: in the courts of the house of our God.

3 In the nights lift up your hands to the holy places: and bless ye the Lord.

4 May the Lord out of Sion bless thee: who hath made heaven and earth.
 Glory, &c.

Other occasional Psalms.

Psalm xix. *Exaudi te Dominus.*

1 May the Lord hear thee in the day of tribulation: may the name of the God of Jacob protect thee.

2 May he send thee help from the sanctuary: and defend thee out of Sion.

3 May he be mindful of all thy sacrifices: and may thy

whole burnt-offering be made fat before him.

4 May he give unto thee according to thy heart: and confirm all thy counsel.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation: and in the name of our God shall we be exalted.

6 May the Lord fulfil all thy petitions: now know I that the Lord hath saved his Anointed.

7 He will hear him from his holy heaven: the salvation of his right hand is in powers.

8 Some upon chariots, and some upon horses: but we

will call upon the name of the Lord our God.

9 They are fast bound, and have fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

10 O Lord, save the king, and hear us in the day, that we shall call upon thee.

Glory, &c.

Psalm lxxxiii.

Quam dilecta.

1 How lovely are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts: my soul longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

2 My heart and my flesh: have rejoiced in the living God.

3 For the sparrow hath found her a house: and the turtle a nest for herself, where she may lay her young.

4 Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts: my King and my God.

5 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, O Lord: they shall praise thee forever and ever.

6 Blessed is the man whose help is from thee: in his heart he hath disposed to ascend by steps, in the vale of tears, in the place that he hath fixed.

7 For the lawgiver shall give a blessing, they shall go

from virtue to virtue: the God of gods shall be seen in Sion.

8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob.

9 Behold, O God, our protector: and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

10 For one day in thy courts: is better than a thousand.

11 I have chosen rather to be an abject in the house of my God: than to dwell in the tabernacles of sinners.

12 For God loveth mercy and truth: the Lord will give grace and glory.

13 He will not deprive of good things them that walk in innocence: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that hopeth in thee.

Glory, &c.

Psalm lxxxv. *Inclina, Domine.*

1 Incline thine ear, O Lord,
and hear me: for I am needy
and poor

2 Preserve my soul, for I
am holy: save thy servant, O
my God, that hopeth in thee.

3 Have mercy upon me, O
Lord, for I have cried to thee
all the day: give joy to the
soul of thy servant, for to thee,
O Lord, have I lifted up my
soul.

4 For thou, O Lord, art
sweet and gentle: and plente-
ous in mercy to all that
call upon thee.

5 Give ear, O Lord, to my
prayer: and attend to the
voice of my supplication.

6 In the day of my trouble
I cried unto thee: for thou
hast heard me.

7 There is none among the
gods like unto thee, O Lord:
and there is none that doeth
according to thy works.

8 All the nations that thou
hast made shall come, and
adore before thee, O Lord:
and they shall glorify thy
name.

9 For thou art great, and
doest marvellous things: thou
art God alone

10 Conduct me, O Lord, in
thy way, and I will walk in
thy truth: let my heart re-
joice, that it may fear thy
name.

11 I will praise thee, O
Lord my God, with my whole
heart: and I will glorify thy
name forever.

12. For thy mercy is great
towards me; and thou hast
delivered my soul from the
lower hell.

13 O God, the wicked are
risen up against me, and the
assembly of the mighty have
sought my soul: and have not
set thee before their eyes.

14 And thou, O Lord, art
a God of compassion and
mercy: patient, plenteous in
mercy, and true.

15 Oh, look upon me, and
be merciful unto me: give
thy command unto thy ser-
vant, and save the son of thy
handmaid.

16 Show unto me a token
for good, that they who hate
me may see it, and be con-
founded: because thou, O
Lord, hast holpen me, and
comforted me.

Glory, &c.

Psalm cii. *Benedic, anima.*

1 Bless the Lord, O my
soul: and let all that is within
me bless his holy name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my
soul: and forget not all his
benefits.

2 Who forgiveth thee all thine iniquities: who healeth all thine infirmities.

4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction: who crowneth thee with mercy and compassion.

5 Who satisfieth thy desire with good things: thy youth shall be renewed like the eagle's.

6 The Lord doeth mercies: and judgment for all that suffer wrong.

7 He hath made his ways known unto Moses: his will unto the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy.

9 He will not always be angry: neither will he threaten forever.

10 He hath not dealt with us according to our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11 For according to the height of the heaven above the earth: hath he strengthened his mercy towards them that fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west: so far hath he removed our iniquities from us.

18 As a father hath pity on

his children, so hath the Lord pity on them that fear him. for he knoweth whereof we are made.

14 He remembereth that we are but dust: man's days are as grass; as the flower of the field, so shall he flourish.

15 For the spirit shall pass away in him, and he shall not be: and he shall know his place no more.

16 But the mercy of the Lord is from eternity: and unto eternity upon them that fear him.

17 And his justice upon children's children: even upon such as keep his covenant.

18 And are mindful of his commandments: to do them.

19 The Lord hath prepared his throne in heaven: and his kingdom shall rule over all.

20 Bless the Lord, all ye his angels: ye that are mighty in strength, and fulfil his commandment, hearkening unto the voice of his words.

21 Bless the Lord, all ye his hosts: ye ministers of his that do his will.

22 Bless the Lord, all ye his works: in every place of his dominion, O my soul, bless thou the Lord.

Glory, &c.

Psalm cxxxvii.

Confitebor tibi.

1 I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart:

for thou hast heard the words of my mouth.

3 In the sight of the angels
will I sing praise unto thee:
I will adore towards thy holy
temple, and give praise unto
thy name.

3 For thy mercy and for
thy truth's sake: for thou hast
magnified thy name above all
things.

4 Oh, hear me in what day
ever I shall call upon thee:
thou shalt multiply strength
in my soul.

5 Let all the kings of the
earth praise thee, O Lord:
for they have heard all the
words of thy mouth.

6 And let them sing in the

ways of the Lord: for great
is the glory of the Lord.

7 For the Lord is high, and
looketh upon the humble:
and the lofty he knoweth
afar off.

8 If I shall walk in the
midst of tribulation, thou wilt
quicken me: and against the
wrath of mine enemies thou
hast stretched forth thy hand,
and thy right hand hath saved
me.

9 The Lord will repay for
me: thy mercy endureth for-
ever; despise not the works
of thine own hands.

Glory, &c.

The Creed of St. Athanasius.

Whosoever will be saved,
before all things it is neces-
sary, that he hold the Catho-
lic faith.

Which faith, except every
one do keep entire and invio-
late, without doubt he shall
perish everlastingly.

Now the Catholic faith is
this; that we worship one
God in Trinity, and Trinity
in Unity

Neither confounding the
Persons, nor dividing the
substance.

For there is one Person of
the Father, another of the
Son, another of the Holy
Ghost.

But the Godhead of the

Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Ghost, is all one;
the glory equal, the majesty
co-eternal.

Such as the Father is, such
is the Son, and such is the
Holy Ghost.

The Father uncreate, the
Son uncreate, the Holy Ghost
uncreate.

The Father incomprehen-
sible, the Son incomprehen-
sible, the Holy Ghost in-
comprehensible.

The Father eternal, the Son
eternal, the Holy Ghost eter-
nal.

And yet they are not three
eternals, but one eternal.

As also they are not three

uncreated, nor three incomprehensibles; but one uncreated, and one incomprehensible.

In like manner the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy Ghost almighty.

And yet there are not three almighties, but one almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son, God, and the Holy Ghost, God.

And yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, and the Holy Ghost is Lord.

And yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity to acknowledge every person by himself to be God and Lord:

So we are forbidden by the Catholic religion, to say there are three Gods, or three Lords.

The Father is made of none, neither created, nor begotten.

The Son is from the Father alone, not made, nor created, but begotten.

The Holy Ghost is from the Father and the Son, not made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity, there is nothing before or after, nothing greater or less; but the whole three Persons are co-eternal together and co-equal.

So that in all things, as is aforesaid, the Unity is to be worshipped in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity.

He, therefore, that will be saved, must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation, that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the right faith is, that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both God and man.

He is God of the substance of his Father, begotten before the world; and he is man of the substance of his Mother born in the world:

Perfect God and perfect man; of reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting.

Equal to the Father according to his Godhead; and less than the Father according to his manhood.

Who, although he be both God and man, yet he is not two, but one Christ:

One, not by the conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by the taking of the manhood unto God:

One altogether, not by

confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

For as the reasonable soul and the flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ.

Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven; he sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies, and shall give an account of their own works.

And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil, into everlasting fire.

This is the Catholic faith which except a man believe faithfully and steadfastly, he cannot be saved.

Glory, &c.

Novenas.

By a Novena, is meant a devotion of nine days in honor of some mystery of our Redemption, to obtain a particular request; or in honor of the blessed Virgin, or any of the saints; to beg their intercession in obtaining a favor from God. It may be made of any prayer according to each person's devotion, and is certainly a holy practice, which has often been found successful in obtaining favors from the Lord. Those who perform it with the conditions necessary for prayer; in particular, with a lively hope of having their request granted, and perfect resignation, should it be refused, may be assured that Christ, who has said, *Ask and you shall receive*, will grant them some grace or blessing as the fruit of their prayer, though in his infinite wisdom and mercy, he may withhold the particular favor which they implore. "If," says St. Augustine, "he seems deaf to their cries, it is only to grant their main desire, by doing what is more expedient for them." God alone knows what is good for us; how often is the refusal of our requests a far greater favor than would be the grant of them!

A Novena in Honor of the Name of Jesus.

Oh! merciful Jesus, who didst in thy early infancy commence thy office of Saviour, by shedding thy precious blood, and assuming for us that name which is

above all names ; we thank thee for such early proof of thy infinite love ; we venerate thy sacred name, in union with the profound respect of the angel who first announced it to the earth, and unite our affections to the sentiments of tender devotion which the adorable name of Jesus has in all ages enkindled in the hearts of thy servants. Animated with a firm faith in thy saving word, and penetrated with confidence in thy mercy we now most humbly remind thee of the promise thou hast made, that when two or three should assemble in thy name, thou thyself wouldst be in the midst of them. Come, then, in the midst of us, most amiable Jesus ! for it is in thy sacred name we are here assembled. Come into our hearts, that thy holy Spirit may pray in and by us ; and mercifully grant us, through that adorable name, which is the joy of heaven, the terror of hell, the consolation of the afflicted, and the solid ground of our unlimited confidence, all the petitions we make in this Novena.

Oh, blessed Mother of our Redeemer ! who didst participate so sensibly in the sufferings of thy dear Son, when he shed his sacred blood, and assumed for us the name of Jesus ; obtain for us, through that adorable name, the favors we petition for in this Novena. Beg also, that the most ardent love may imprint on our hearts that sacred name, that it may be always in our minds, and frequently on our lips ; that it may be our defence in temptations, and our refuge in danger, during our lives, and our consolation and support in the hour of death. Amen.

(To this may be added the Litany of Jesus. See Contents.)

A Novena to the Sacred Heart.

O SACRED and adorable Heart of Jesus ! Furnace of eternal charity ! Ocean of infinite mercy ! Consolation of the afflicted ! Refuge of sinners ! and Hope of the

whole world! I most fervently adore thee, and unite my heart, my affections, and supplications, to the perpetual homage thou thyself renderest to the Divinity on our altars. Most amiable Heart! which hast loved us with an eternal love, supply thyself for my insensibility, and receive my desire at least of loving thee with all the ardor and sincerity thou so justly meritest. But remember O adorable Heart! that thou hast disclosed thyself to us not only as an object of our adorations; thou desirest much more to engage our love, and to become the ground and motive of our tender confidence. For this end thou wert pierced through with a lance on the cross: and for this same purpose thou remainest a daily victim of thy own love on our altars. O infinitely compassionate Heart of Jesus! which was overwhelmed with sorrow in the garden of Olives, at the view of our spiritual and corporal miseries, I recur to thee now with all the confidence thou desirest I should repose in the extent of thy power and the riches of thy mercy. Convinced that those things which are impossible to human means are infinitely easy to thee, and relying with an humble, steadfast faith on the sacred words of truth itself, that whatever we ask the Father in the name of Jesus should be granted, I now most humbly implore in that adorable name, in virtue of that promise, and through the abundant mercies of the sacred Heart of Jesus, the particular favor I petition for in this Novena. (*Specify it.*)

O blessed St. Gertrude! and all ye glorious servants of Christ! who while on earth were particularly devoted to the sacred Heart of Jesus, join your prayers with mine and implore from the divine object of all your devotion the grant of the petition which I now make, and specially offer up through thy intercession. Beg likewise from this adorable Heart, which has dominion over all hearts, and could in a moment change the most obdurate, to have compassion on those who are in the dreadful state of mortal sin, and to open to us all the treasures of its mercy at the hour of our death. Amen.

A Novena to the Blessed Virgin

O MOST holy Virgin! who wert chosen by the adorable Trinity from all eternity to be the most pure Mother of Jesus, permit me, thy humble and devoted client, to remind thee of the joy thou didst receive in the instant of the most sacred incarnation of our divine Lord, and during the nine months thou didst carry him in thy chaste womb. I wish most sincerely that I could renew or even increase that joy, by the fervor of my prayers. O tender Mother of the afflicted! grant me, under my present necessities, that peculiar protection thou hast promised to those who devoutly commemorate this ineffable joy. Relying on the infinite mercies of thy divine Son; trusting in that promise which he has made, that those who ask should receive; and penetrated with confidence in thy powerful prayers; I most humbly entreat thee to intercede for me, and to obtain for me the favors which I petition for in this Novena, if it be the holy will of God to grant them; and if not, to ask for me whatever graces I most stand in need of. (*Here specify your request.*)

I desire by this Novena, which I now offer in thy honor, to prove the lively confidence I have in thy intercession. Accept it, I beseech thee, in honor of that supernatural love and joy with which thy sacred heart was replenished during the abode of thy dear Son in thy womb in veneration of which I offer thee the sentiments of my heart, and these nine *Hail Marys*.

Repeat the *Hail Mary* nine times, and then say the following

Prayer.

O MOTHER of God, accept these salutations, in union with the respect and veneration with which the angel Gabriel first hailed thee full of grace. I wish most sincerely, that they may become so many gems in the crown of thy occidental glory, which will increase in brightness to the end of the world. I beseech thee O comfortress of the afflicted! by the joy thou didst receive

in the nine months of thy pregnancy, to obtain for me the grant of the favors which I have now implored through thy powerful intercession. For this end, I offer thee all the good works which have ever been performed in thy honor. I most humbly entreat thee, for the love of the amiable heart of Jesus, with which thine was ever united, to hear my humble prayer, and to obtain my request.

A Nobena to St. Patrick.

O BLESSED apostle of Ireland! glorious St. Patrick! who didst become the father and benefactor of that land long before my birth; receive my prayers, and accept the sentiments of gratitude and veneration with which my heart is filled towards thee. Thou wert the channel of the greatest graces; deign then to become also the channel of my grateful thanksgivings to God for having granted, through thee, that precious gift of faith, which is dearer to us than life. O most blessed father and patron of that country! do not, I beseech thee, despise my weakness. Remember that the cries of little children were the mysterious invitation that thou didst receive to go thither. Listen then to my most humble supplications; I unite them to the praises and blessings which will ever follow thy name and thy memory throughout the Irish church; I unite them to the prayers of the multitude of our ancestors; who now enjoy eternal bliss, and owe their salvation, under God, to thy zeal and charity. They will eternally share thy glory, because they listened to thy word, and followed thy example. Ah! since I am descended from saints, may I blush to differ from them; may I begin from this moment to love God with all my heart, and serve him with all my strength. For this end I most humbly beg thy blessing, O great St. Patrick! and thy particular intercession, for obtaining whatever grace thou seest to

be most necessary for me, and also the particular intentions of this Novena. (*Name them.*)

O charitable shepherd of the Irish flock! who wouldst have laid down a thousand lives to save one soul, take my soul, and the souls of all Christians, under thy special care, and preserve us from the dreadful misfortune of sin. Thy zealous preaching provided even the blessing of religious instructions which we now enjoy; obtain that none of us may receive them in vain. Thou didst teach that people how to connect the pursuit of virtue with that of science; deign also to take my studies under thy protection, and to obtain for me the grace to sanctify them by a pure motive of pleasing God and my superiors. I most humbly recommend to thee this country with that which was so dear to thee while on earth. Protect them still; and above all, obtain for their pastors, particularly those who instruct us, the grace to walk in thy footsteps, that they may share in thy eternal bliss.

Litany of St. Patrick.

Lord, have mercy on us,
&c., &c.

Holy Mary, Mother of
God,

St. Patrick, apostle of
Ireland,

St. Patrick, vessel of elec-
tion,

St. Patrick, model of
bishops,

St. Patrick, enemy of in-
fidelity,

St. Patrick, profoundly
humble,

St. Patrick, consumed
with zeal,

St. Patrick, example of
charity,

St. Patrick, glory of Ire-
land,

St. Patrick, instructor of
little ones,

St. Patrick, our power-
ful protector,

St. Patrick, our compas-
sionate advocate,

Lamb of God, &c., &c.

V. Pray for us, O glori-
ous St. Patrick.

R. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Pray for us.

Pray for us.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst send thy blessed servant St. Patrick to instruct and save thy people, and didst infuse into his heart so great a share of thine own tenderness, charity and zeal, listen, we beseech thee, to the prayers which we now offer up in union with the prayers of this glorious patron and father in heaven, and grant us, through his intercession, the intentions of this Novena, and the grace rather to die than to offend thee.

A Novena to St. John the Baptist.

O GLORIOUS precursor of Jesus Christ! great prophet of the Most High! angel of the Lord! who wert created to go before his face, and to prepare his ways, how high must thy throne be in heaven, since even on earth thou wert so exalted! Thou art truly the first and greatest amongst those born of woman, since the Searcher of hearts pronounced thee such. Thou wert great in thy miraculous birth and wonderful life—great in thy penance and in thy zeal; but thou wert much greater in thy purity of heart, and in the depth of thy humility. Thou didst enter this world of sin in the friendship of thy Creator, and never had the misfortune to offend him—thou wert the minister of baptism to Jesus Christ, yet thou didst humbly acknowledge thyself unworthy to loose the latchet of his shoe. O great saint! that glory which always follows the humble, has been abundantly granted to thee. Jesus Christ himself proclaimed thy praises, and the whole world, to the end of time, will rejoice in thy sacred birth. O miracle of God's power and grace! I conjure thee to raise for us and for all the people of this state, of which thou art the special patron, that powerful voice, which once crying in the wilderness, penetrated the heavens in favor of sinners; and to implore for us the intentions of this Novena. N. N.

O blessed contemplative, whose sweet communions with God were earlier than thy birth; thy food all thy life were the heavenly exercise of prayer; thou wast by excellence the friend of the bridegroom, and canst therefore obtain all things of Him, who so ardently loved thee. Deign then to take all my spiritual necessities under thy protection, and to obtain for us all the graces we stand in need of, particularly perfect docility to the voice of those who preach to us, as thou didst to the Jews, the baptism of penance for the remission of our sins.

O burning lamp! may our hearts be at length inflamed with that fire of love which consumed thee, and which is cast also amongst us by the zealous preaching of those whom the Lord has sent amongst us, to show us the way to him. O shining lamp! enlighten us by thy prayers, that we may know ourselves but infinitely more, that we may know our God, and his only Son Jesus Christ our Lord whom he hath sent, obtain for us to participate frequently and worthily in the holy communion, and with that purity of heart, which enable thee to discover the Lamb of God, though he was then hidden from all others. O blessed martyr of Jesus Christ, though I am most unworthy to lay down my life for his love as thou didst, yet I entreat of thee to intercede for me that I may live and die in the happy martyrdom of Christian mortification, and the faithful discharge of every duty required by the divine law.

Litany of St. John the Baptist.

Lord, have mercy on us.	the world, <i>Have mercy on</i>
Christ, have mercy on us.	<i>us.</i>
Christ, hear us.	God the Holy Ghost, <i>Have</i>
Christ, graciously hear us.	<i>mercy on us.</i>
God the Father of heaven.	Holy Trinity, one God, <i>Have</i>
<i>Have mercy on us.</i>	<i>mercy on us.</i>
God the Son, Redeemer of	Holy Mary, <i>Pray for us</i>

Queen of Prophets,
Queen of Martyrs,
St. John the Baptist,
St. John the Baptist
precursor of Christ,
St. John the Baptist,
glorious forerunner of
the son of justice,
St. John the Baptist,
minister of baptism to
Jesus,

St. John the Baptist, *Pray for us.*
burning and shining
lamp of the world,
St. John the Baptist,
angel of purity, before
thy birth,
St. John the Baptist,
special friend and fa-
vorite of Christ,
St. John the Baptist,
heavenly contempla-
tive, whose element
was prayer,
St. John the Baptist,
intrepid preacher of
truth,

St. John the Baptist,
miracle of mortifica-
tion and penance,
St. John the Baptist, *Pray for us.*
example of profound
humility,
St. John the Baptist,
glorious martyr of zeal
for God's holy law,
St. John the Baptist,
glorious patron of this
State,

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world, spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God! who takest
away the sins of the
world, hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God! who takest
away the sins of the
world, Have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us; Christ, gra-
ciously hear us.
Pray for us, O glorious St.
John the Baptist, that we
may be made worthy, &c.

Let us pray.

O God, who hast honored this world by the birth of
St. John the Baptist, grant that thy faithful people may
rejoice in the way of eternal salvation, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Novena to St. Charles Borromeo.

O GLORIOUS St. Charles! the father of the clergy, and
the perfect model of holy prelates! thou art that good

pastor, who, like thy divine Master, didst give up thy life for thy flock, if not by thy death, at least by the numerous sacrifices of thy painful mission. Thy sanctified life on earth was a spur to the most fervent; thy exemplary penance was a reproach to the slothful, and thy indefatigable zeal was the support to the Church. O great prelate since the glory of God and the salvation of souls are the only objects of solicitude to the blessed in heaven, vouchsafe to intercede for me now, and to offer up for the intention of this Novena those fervent prayers which were so successful while thou wert on earth. (*Here specify your request.*)

Thou art, O great St. Charles! among all the saints of God, one in whose intercession I should most confide, because thou wert chosen by God to promote the interests of religion, by promoting the Christian education of youth. Thou wert, like Jesus Christ himself, always accessible to little ones; for whom thou didst thyself break the bread of the word of God, and procure for them also the blessings of a Christian education. To thee, then, I have recourse with confidence, beseeching thee to obtain for me the grace to profit of the advantages I enjoy, and for which I am so considerably indebted to thy zeal. Preserve me by thy prayers from the dangers of the world; obtain that my heart may be impressed with a lively horror of sin; a deep sense of my duty as a Christian; a sincere contempt for the opinion and false maxims of the world; an ardent love for God, and that holy fear which is the beginning of wisdom

Litany of St. Charles Borromeo.

Lord, have mercy on us, &c., &c.	St. Charles, imitator of Christ,	1/a for us	Pray for us
Holy Mary, mother of God,	St. Charles, faithful fol- lower of Christ cruci- fied,		
Queen of Apostles,	St. Charles, replenished		
St. Charles,			

with the spirit of the
apostles,
St. Charles, consumed
with zeal for the glory
of God,
St. Charles, father and
guide of the clergy,
St. Charles, the light and
support of the Church,
St. Charles, a model
of humility and pen-
ance,
St. Charles, most de-

Pray for us.

sirous of the salvation
of souls,

St. Charles, most zealous
for the instruction of
youth,

St. Charles, patron of the
Ursuline Schools,
Lamb of God, &c.

V. Pray for us, O glo-
rious St. Charles.

R. That we may be
made worthy of the pro-
mises of Christ.

Pray for us.

Let us pray.

PRESERVE thy church, O Lord, under the continual pro-
tection of thy glorious confessor and bishop, St. Charles,
that as he was eminent for the discharge of his pastoral
duties, so his prayers may make us zealous in the love
of thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Litany of St. Joseph.

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer
of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,

Have, &c.

Holy Mary, Spouse of
Joseph,

Holy Joseph, Spouse of
the Virgin Mary,

Nursing-father of Jesus,
Man according to God's
own heart,

Faithful and prudent ser-
vant,

Guardian of the virginity
of Mary,

Companion and solace of
Mary

Pray for us.

Most pure in virginity,
Most profound in humil-
ity,

Most fervent in charity,
Most exalted in contem-
plation,

Who wast declared to be
a just man by the tes-
timony of the Holy
Ghost himself,

Who wast enlightened
above all in heavenly
mysteries,

Who wast the chosen
minister of the coun-
sels of the Most High,

Who wast taught from
above the mystery of
the Incarnate Word,

Who didst journey to
Bethlehem with Mary,
thy Spouse, being
great with child,

Who, finding no place in
the inn, didst betake
thyself to a stable

Who wast thought wor-
thy to be present when
Christ was born and
laid in a manger,

Who didst bear in thine
arms the Son of God,

Who didst receive the
blood of Jesus at his
Circumcision,

Who didst present him
to the Lord in the
Temple, with Mary his
Mother,

Who, at the warn'ng of
the Angel, didst fly
into Egypt with the
Child and his Mother.

Who, when Herod was
dead, didst return with
them into the land of
Israel,

Who for three days, with
Mary his Mother, didst
seek sorrowing the
Child Jesus, when he
was lost at Jerusalem,

Who, after three days,
didst find him with joy
sitting in the midst of
the Doctors,

Who hadst the Lord of
lords subject to thee
on the earth,

Who wast the happy wit-
ness of his hidden life
and sacred words,

Who didst die in the
arms of Jesus and
Mary,

Whose praise is in the
Gospel: The Husband
of Mary, of whom was
born Jesus,

Humble imitator of the
Incarnate Word,

Powerful support of the
Church,

Our advocate,

St. Joseph, hear us.

Our patron,

*St. Joseph, graciously hear
us.*

Pray for us.

Pray for us.

In all our necessities,
St. Joseph, help us.
 In all our distresses,
 In the hour of death,
 Through thy most chaste
 espousals,

Through thy paternal
 care and fidelity,

Through thy love of Je-
 sus and Mary,

Through thy labors and
 toils,

Through all thy virtues.

Through thy exalted
 honor and eternal
 blessedness,

Through thy faithful in-
 tercession,

We, thy clients,

Beseech thee, hear us.

That thou wouldst vouch-
 safe to obtain for us
 from Jesus the pardon
 of our sins,

That thou wouldst vouch-
 safe to commend us
 faithfully to Jesus and
 Mary,

That thou wouldst vouch-
 safe to obtain for all,
 both virgins and mar-
 ried, the chastity be-
 longing to their state,

That thou wouldst vouch-
 safe to obtain for all
 Congregations perfect
 love and concord,

That thou wouldst vouch-
 safe to direct all rulers

and prelates in the
 government of their
 subjects,

That thou wouldst vouch-
 safe to assist all pa-
 rents in the Christian
 education of their chil-
 dren,

That thou wouldst vouch-
 safe to protect all those
 that rely upon thy pat-
 ronage,

That thou wouldst vouch-
 safe to support, with
 thy paternal help, all
 Congregations institu-
 ted under thy name
 and patronage,

That thou wouldst vouch-
 safe to visit and stand
 by us, with Jesus and
 Mary, in the last mo-
 ment of our life,

That thou wouldst vouch-
 safe to succor, by thy
 prayers and interces-
 sion, all the faithful
 departed,

O chaste Spouse of Mary,
 O faithful Nursing-father
 of Jesus,

Holy Joseph,

Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world.

St. Joseph, help us.

We beseech thee, hear us.

We beseech thee, hear us.

Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

V. Pray for us, O blessed
Joseph.

R. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst choose
St. Joseph to be the Spouse

of blessed Mary ever Vir-
gin, and to be the Guardian
and Nursing-father of thy
beloved Son our Lord Je-
sus Christ; we humbly be-
seech thee to grant us,
through his patronage and
merits, such purity of mind
and body, that, being clear-
ed from every stain, and clo-
thed with the true marriage-
garment, we may, by thy
great mercy, be admitted
to the heavenly nuptials.
Through the same Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen

A Novena to St. Joseph

DIRECTIONS FOR EACH DAY OF THE NOVENA. - Begin with the *Litany* of any of the Saint; say one of the following prayers; recite the *Our Father*, and the *Hail Mary*, three times; and conclude by the Oblation, *O Holy Joseph* &c., page 626.

ON THE FIRST DAY.

Blessed St. Joseph, born to be the guardian of Jesus, the protector and consoler of Mary! make powerful intercession for me, that my pious resolutions may not prove abortive: that I may be born to an interior and spiritual life; that I may have such an increase of sanctity so ardent a love of purity, so great a conviction of my own vileness, so clear a light of the emptiness and vanity of worldly grandeur, as to esteem and relish only things that are eternal: Through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c., &c.

ON THE SECOND DAY.

Omnipotent Creator, whose unerring providence adds joy every moment to the Angels in heaven, and to the

Saints upon earth! I most humbly beg, through the intercession of St. Joseph, that I may cheerfully acquiesce and rejoice in every thing that comes from thy fatherly hand; that I may be vigorous in executing thy divine will, and glorify thee in my present state. Grant me the true spirit of mortification, to subdue my stubborn passions, to satisfy for what is past, and to be a preservative from future dangers. Grant that, by purity of intention, the meanest of my actions may be acceptable to thee, as was the mite of the poor widow, which was put into the treasury of the temple: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ON THE THIRD DAY.

Omnipotent God, at whose command every tree produce fruit of its kind! grant, through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, that I may serve thee faithfully in the state in which thou hast placed me. I firmly believe all thou hast revealed: protect me, lest I should be found among the number of those foolish virgins, who carried lamps without oil. Assist me with thy powerful grace, that I may be humble, charitable and chaste; and not be like the barren fig-tree, fit only to become fuel for eternal flames. This grace I implore through the infinite merits of Jesus, my Saviour. Amen.

ON THE FOURTH DAY.

Holy Ghost, God of all comfort! If thou seest it expedient for the security of my salvation that I should be oppressed with tribulation, permit me not to fall. Infinite power! bear me up; thou knowest my weakness. Favor me with thy grace, that I may be compassionate towards my neighbor, and govern myself with the same spirit of lenity and charity, as if the case were my own. I deplore my censorious temper, and resolve to be upon my guard. I return thee thanks for inspiring me with the resolution of becoming better; but of myself I am not able to persevere in my good intentions. I beg thy assistance, that I may fulfil what thou com-

mandest and then, dear Lord, command what thou pleasest. Afflict me with such crosses as I can endure, that I may discharge at least a part of the great debt due to the divine justice. Grant, through the intercession of St. Joseph, that after my temporal trials, whether exterior or interior, I may find that permanent joy with which thou renderest him, and his immaculate Spouse, eternally happy: Through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c Amen.

ON THE FIFTH DAY.

O infinite God! how truly may it be said of me, *The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib*; but thou knowest not thy Lord. I admire thy love and charity! I am ashamed of my tepidity and ingratitude. Infinite goodness! I come too late to love thee, but although it be the eleventh hour, bestow on me the promised reward: be to me a Saviour. Thou who hast bled for me, let me partake of thy eternal charity. Grant that, through the intercession of St. Joseph, my good resolutions may be perfected. I also beg, that, when I entertain thee in the most blessed Sacrament, I may be favored with the same sentiments of adoration, love, and thanksgiving, that St. Joseph experienced, when he received thee from Simeon, to restore thee to thy blessed Mother. Amen.

ON THE SIXTH DAY.

Jesus, my Maker and my Master, without whose merciful assistance I walk in darkness, and perish! I most humbly beg, through the intercession of St. Joseph, that thou wilt grant me grace to escape from the servitude of sin, under which I have so long groaned; in order that I may enjoy the liberty of thy faithful servants. I have frequently experienced thy goodness, and I know thy power; my trust is in both. Oh! grant me constancy to despise the allurements of the world, and to remain undaunted under afflicting terrors. My dear Redeemer, I have too often lost thee by sin, I have

willingly and wilfully parted with thee, to follow my corrupt inclinations. O God! who didst come to seek sinners, take pity on me who am the greatest. Thou art now pleased to bless me with such a true sense of my former offences, that I grieve not so much for the fear of punishment, as for the misfortune of having offended thee, the centre of all goodness.

I steadfastly purpose, through thy grace, to seek thee seriously, by the reformation of my life, that I may find thee in the heavenly Jerusalem, reigning with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

ON THE SEVENTH DAY.

Omnipotent God, who descendest from heaven to bring fire on the earth! inflame my frozen heart, that I may imitate the virtues of St. Joseph. As a poor wretch at the gate of some noble and generous prince, expecting an alms, so I appear before thee, wounded in all my senses by sin, and imploring charity in my great distress. I grieve for what is passed, not because I fear, but because I love. Nothing has succeeded with me, because I never consulted thee as I ought: I hope, O Lord! that I do not come too late. I beg, through the intercession of St. Joseph, that I may avoid evil and do good; that I may leave the broad way of iniquity, and walk in the narrow road that leads to eternal happiness; that I may consecrate the remaining days of my short life to thy honor, and attain the end for which I was created—to admire, praise, and love thee, forever and ever. Amen.

ON THE EIGHTH DAY.

O most glorious Patriarch, my dear Patron! blessed are the eyes that see what you now see. Through the infinite merits of Christ, and by your powerful intercession, I hope, with holy Job, that in my flesh I shall see God my Saviour. Stretch out in favor of your unworthy client, those happy arms, that so often bore the Son of God, and provided for him. Petition that I may live, as I wish to die, always in the divine favor. I humbly

implore you to entreat your immaculate Spouse to unite her supplications with yours, that I may be of the blessed number of the elect. I most sincerely desire that you may be present at the dreadful hour of my death; and that the last words uttered by my parting breath may be Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Thy mercy is above all thy works, O most holy Trinity! I now appeal from the tribunal of thy justice, and prostrate myself before the throne of thy mercy, to obtain the pardon of my sins, and grace to persevere in keeping thy commandments to the end of my life. Who livest and reignest one God, forever and ever Amen.

ON THE NINTH DAY.

Holy St. Joseph, you who are that good and faithful servant to whom God committed the care of his family: whom he appointed guardian and protector of the life of Jesus Christ, the comfort and support of his Mother, and the depository of his great design of the redemption of mankind; you who had the happiness of living with Jesus and Mary, and of dying in their arms chaste spouse of the Mother of God; model and patron of pure souls, humble, patient, and reserved; be moved with the confidence we place in your intercession, and accept with kindness this testimony of our devotion.

We give thanks to God for the signal favor he hath been pleased to confer on you, and we conjure him, through your intercession, to enable us to imitate your virtues. Pray for us, then, O great saint; and by that love which you had for Jesus and Mary, and by the love which they had for you, obtain for us the incomparable happiness of living and dying in the love of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

A VOTIVE OBLATION TO ST. JOSEPH, TO CHOOSE HIM FOR OUR PATRON.

O Holy Joseph, virgin spouse of the virgin Mother of God, most glorious advocate of all such as are in

danger, or in their last agony, and most faithful protector of all the servants of Mary, your dearest spouse! I, N., in the presence of Jesus and Mary, do, from this moment, choose you for my powerful patron and advocate, in order that I may obtain the grace of a most happy death: I firmly resolve and purpose never to forsake you; nor to say or do any thing against your honor. Receive me, therefore, for your constant servant, and recommend me to the constant protection of Mary, your dearest spouse, and to the everlasting mercies of Jesus my Saviour. Assist me in all the actions of my life; I now offer them to the greater and everlasting glory of Jesus and Mary, as well as to your own.

THE CHAPLET OF ST. JOSEPH.

In the name of the Father, &c.

V. Thou, O Lord, wilt open my lips.

R. And my tongue shall announce thy praise.

V. Incline unto my aid, O God.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

On the large beads, say the *Glory be to the Father, &c.*, and the *Our Father*; and on the small beads, *Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph Foster Father of Jesus, and Spouse of the ever-immaculate Mother of God, pray for us now and at the hour of our death*;—and finish the Chaplet by saying: *Pray for us, O holy St. Joseph, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ*; and the prayer which the holy Church makes use of in her divine Office: *Assist us, O Lord by the intercession, &c.*, as at the end of the Litany of St. Joseph.

ANOTHER METHOD OF RECITING THE CHAPLET OF

ST. JOSEPH.

It is said as above, except on the large beads is recited the *Hail Mary* instead of the *Our Father*; and on the small beads, instead of *Glorious Patriarch, &c.*, is said, *Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist us now and at the hour of our death*.

A Prayer to St. AUGUSTINE.

O glorious St. Augustine! the light and oracle of the faithful, I most fervently join with the whole Church of Christ in thanking the Almighty for having chosen thee to become a peculiar object of his love, and an everlasting monument of his tender mercies. Illustrious penitent! thy admirable conversion proves to the whole world, that no crimes are too great for the God of all mercies to pardon—no heart too corrupt for his love to purify—and no obstacle too strong for his grace to overcome. Penetrated with veneration for thy virtues, I choose thee for my father, my protector, and my advocate. I most humbly beseech thee to have compassion on my youth, and to protect me in those dangers which thou well knowest are attendant on my inexperienced age. O blessed victim of charity! obtain that I may seriously consecrate my heart to my Creator, and faithfully observe that great commandment of charity so deeply engraven on thy heart. Thou wert the son of thy mother's precious tears, the conquest of her prayers, and afterwards the faithful imitator of her virtues; obtain for me the most profound respect and tender affection for my parents, gratitude for their care, and the grace to profit of the advantages which their solicitude for my eternal welfare has provided for me. I recommend to thee, in a particular manner, O great saint! all those unhappy souls who are in the dreadful state of mortal sin, and conjure thee by the unceasing tears thou didst shed over thine own wanderings, to procure for them the grace of conversion, and to obtain for me such horror of sin, that I may avoid it as the only real evil, and thereby merit to behold for all eternity that increased beauty, who was too long hidden from thy view, and eternally love that infinite goodness, whom thou didst bitterly regret having loved too late. Amen.

A Prayer to St. ANGELA, Foundress of the Ursuline Order

Most blessed St. Angela! who art now in possession of that eternal crown which is promised to those who instruct others unto justice, permit me to have recourse to thee, as to my glorious patroness, and to choose thee for my special advocate before the throne of God. In union with all those happy souls, who, under God, are indebted to thee for the glory they now enjoy in heaven, I thank God for having raised thee up, to provide for millions the great blessings of religious instruction. How grateful should I be for the happiness of being ranked among the number who now enjoy the fruits of thy charity and zeal. O glorious patroness and mother of the weakest portion of God's flock! do not abandon thy charge, now that thou seest more clearly than ever the dangers to which youth are exposed. I entreat of thee, by that lively zeal for God's glory which caused thee to devote thy life to the instruction of the ignorant, to take me as thy child, and to obtain for me the grace to profit of the blessings which the Almighty has bestowed on me through thee. Procure for me by thy prayers a docile heart—a lively horror of sin—sincere love of God and my neighbor—and so great a share in that tender compassion for the poor which distinguished thee, that I may never neglect an opportunity of affording them any spiritual or corporal assistance in my power. Teach me by thy example to practice works of mercy, that like thee I may find mercy, and join thee for all eternity in praising and blessing that good God, who has exempted me from the miseries suffered by many of my more deserving fellow-creatures. Amen.

A Prayer to St. URSULA.

O glorious St. Ursula! blessed martyr of Jesus Christ! who didst despise the riches and dignities of this world for the love of God, and wert so happy as to lay down even thy life for his sake, take me under

thy powerful protection—shield me by thy prayers from the dangers of the world, and teach me by thy example how to triumph over its temptations. I am not worthy to lay down my life for him who died for me; yet, as I know that I may have many temptations to suffer from the world and my own corrupt inclinations, I have recourse to thee with confidence, to implore, through thy intercession, the strength to resist and overcome them all: and to remember, on all occasions, that the life of a Christian, if not laid down for Christ by martyrdom, should at least be sacrificed to his glory by penance and self-denial. Thou art, O great Saint! my special patroness; therefore, I humbly recommend to thee all my undertakings, and beg of thee, as thou wert so particularly gifted by God with the power of persuading others to the practice of virtue, to obtain for me the grace to love and fulfil the duties of a Christian, and to endeavor by good example to engage others in the service of God. O glorious martyr! whose death was an act of the most perfect charity, be thou my protectress in my last moments, and intercede for me now, that I may prepare for them by the fervent practice of those solid virtues, which alone will furnish ground for confidence in the mercy of God on the bed of death.

A Prayer to St. Aloysius, for young Students.

Angelical youth Aloysius! who art, by the appointment of Christ's vicar on earth, the patron of those who apply to study, thou hast illustrated the Church by a holy contempt of worldly greatness, but still more by the innocence and sanctity of thy life; allow me to choose thee as the particular patron of my studies, and to resolve most sincerely to follow the example thou hast left me of diligence and piety. Receive me as thy client, and through the love which animated thy heart for Jesus and Mary, vouchsafe to assist me in the pursuit of virtue and learning. Obtain for me purity of body and mind, and a filial confidence in the ever-blessed Virgin. Defend me against the dangers of the world

direct me in a choice of a state of life ; and obtain for me those powerful graces which will preserve me from the guilt of mortal sin ; that, assisted by thy patronage, and animated by thy example, I may lead so holy a life in this world, as to be associated with thee in the company of angels for all eternity. Amen.

Litany of St. Francis Xavier.

Lord, have mercy.	carry the name of Je-	
<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>	sus Christ to the kings	
Christ, have mercy.	of the earth,	
<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>	Shining light to those	
Lord, have mercy.	who sat in the shadow	
<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>	of death,	
Christ, hear us.	Full of a burning zeal for	
<i>Christ, graciously hear us.</i>	the glory of God,	
God the father of heaven,	Unwearied propagator of	
God the Son, Redeemer	the Christian faith,	
of the world,	Most watchful Shepherd	
God the Holy Ghost,	of souls,	
Holy Trinity, one God,	Most constant mediator	
Holy Mary, Virgin Mo-	on divine things,	
ther of God,	Most faithful follower of	
St. Ignatius, founder of	Jesus Christ,	
the Society of Jesus,	Most ardent lover of	
St. Francis Xavier, the	evangelical poverty,	
glory and second pil-	Most perfect observer of	
lar of thine order,	religious obedience,	
Apostle of the Indies and	Who didst burn with the	
Japan,	fire of divine love,	
Legate of the holy Apos-	Who didst generously	
tolic See,	despise all earthly	
Preacher of the truth,	things,	
and doctor of the na-	Most able guide in the	
tions,	way of perfection,	
Vessel of election, to	Model of apostolic men,	

Have, &c.

Pray for us.

Pray for us.

Model of all virtues,
Light of infidels, and
master of the faithful,
Angel in life and man-
ners,
Patriarch in affection and
care of God's people,
Prophet mighty in word
and works,
Whom all nations and
the Church have with
one voice associated
with the glorious choir
of Apostles,
Who wast adorned with
the crown of virgins,
Who didst aspire to the
palm of martyrs,
Confessor in virtue and
profession of life,
In whom we reverence,
through the divine
goodness, the merits
of all saints,
Whom the winds and
the sea obeyed,
Who didst take by as-
sault the cities that
had revolted from Je-
sus Christ,
Who wast the terror of
the armies of the infi-
dels,
Scourge of demons, and
destroyer of idols,
Powerful defence against
shipwreck,
Health of the sick, and
salvation of sinners,

Pray for us.

Father of the poor, and
refuge of the miser-
able,
Sight to the blind, and
strength to the lame,
Protector in time of war
famine, and plague,
Wonderful worker of
miracles,
Who wast endued with
the gift of tongues,
Who wast endued with
the wondrous power
of raising the dead,
Resounding trumpet of
the Holy Ghost,
Light and glory of the
East,
Through the cross, which
thou didst so often
raise among the Gen-
tiles,
We beseech thee, hear us.
Through the faith, which
thou didst so marvel-
lously propagate,
Through thy miracles
and prophecies,
Through the perils and
shipwrecks which thou
didst endure,
Through thy pains and
labors, in the midst of
which thou didst so
ardently exclaim : Still
more, still more !
Through thy heavenly
raptures, in the midst
of which thou didst

Pray for us.

We beseech thee, hear us.

so fervently exclaim :
 Enough, Lord, enough!
 Through the glory and
 happiness which now
 thou dost enjoy in
 heaven
 Send of the heavenly
 Bridegroom,
intercede for us.

Blessed Francis Xavier,
 beloved of God and
 men,

Intercede for us.

Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

V. Pray for us, St. Francis
 Xavier.

R. That we may be made
 worthy of the promises of
 Christ.

Let us pray

O God, who dost glorify
 those who glorify thee, and
 who art honored in the hon-
 or which we render to thy
 Saints; mercifully grant
 that, in celebrating the glo-
 rious memory of the blessed
 Francis Xavier, we may feel
 in ourselves the happy ef-
 fects of his powerful inter-
 cession with thee. Through
 our Lord Jesus Christ, who
 reignest forever and ever
 Amen.

The Novena to St. Francis Xavierus.

THE MANNER OF PERFORMING THE NOVENA, OR THE NINE
 DAYS' DEVOTION TO ST. FRANCIS XAVERIUS.

THE *Novena* commences on the fourth of March, and continues nine
 days; that is, till the twelfth of March, upon which day, in the year
 1622, Pope Gregory the XV. canonized St. Francis Xavierus. The per-
 sons who perform this *Novena* are to be employed upon each of the nine
 days in prayer and good works to the glory of Almighty God, and in
 honor of his servant St. Francis Xavierus; always endeavoring to repose
 an entire confidence in the merits of this Apostle, and hoping through
 his means to obtain from God whatsoever they shall ask, provided it be

conducture to their salvation and the good of their souls or that of any who, instead of that blessing which they beg, and which is not for their benefit, this saint will obtain for them of God some other grace they do not ask, and which tends more to their eternal felicity.

For the exact performance of this *Novena*, they are to take for their advocates the nine choirs of heavenly spirits, making particular mention of the principal virtues of St. Francis Xavierius, and they are to observe the directions which shall be given hereafter. It will be convenient to confess and communicate the first day, that so the soul being cleansed from sin, and honored with the sacred Eucharist, all the works we perform in the state of grace, may be meritorious of eternal life, and the more efficacious towards obtaining the benefit we ask. Those who do not confess, must at least begin every day with an Act of Contrition to cleanse their souls from sin, and to secure themselves of obtaining their petition.

When this *Novena* is not performed in the Church with the general concurrence of the people, it were convenient, that if it be done in a private house, all the family should join in performing it all together, begging that of God for every one, which each apart begs for himself.

For the conveniency of such as stand in need of further direction, we will here set down those prayers that are proper to be said every day; nevertheless, such as are more devout, may beg the same thing of the saint in such terms and language as their devotion shall dictate, and may direct their prayer as they think fit. When many together perform the *Novena*, one of them may read the prayers, changing the singular number into the plural, and saying: *we desire, we beg, &c.* The others may repeat the prayer after him, or else only hear it with attention, inwardly desiring and begging that which is asked in it.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE EXACT PERFORMING OF THE NOVENA.

Those who perform the *Novena*, are to observe these instructions upon all and each of the nine days. *First*, they are to endeavor to imitate some one of this Saint's virtues, by practising some exterior act, or acts thereof; as, for instance, his zeal, humility, patience, &c. *Secondly*, they are to do some work of mercy, either spiritual or corporal, for the benefit of their neighbor; as giving of alms, visiting the sick, or those that are in prison, comforting the afflicted, praying for the souls in purgatory, or for those that are in the state of mortal sin, &c. *Thirdly*, they are to offer up for this end some particular mortification,

a fasting, wearing of haircloth, disciplining, using themselves with less tenderness, &c. *Fourthly*, they are to curb their senses, their eyes, their ears, and their tongues, endeavoring to avoid even the least of sins. *Fifthly*, they are to read some chapter or page of the life of this Saint; or meditate a while upon some one of his virtues, with an earnest desire to imitate them. *Sixthly*, they are to endeavor for the glory of God to excite some person to bear devotion to this Saint. *Seventhly*, it will be convenient they every day invoke the intercession of some ~~one~~ rank of the Saints, as they do of the choirs of Angels, to the ~~end~~ that their advocates and intercessors being multiplied (as the Church expresses it), they may the more readily obtain what they ask. The classes of Saints may be divided into patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, bishops, doctors, priests, religious, confessors, virgins, and other saints in heaven. For the more effectual prevailing with St. Francis Xavierius, it will be convenient every day to make a special commemoration of St. Ignatius of Loyola, whom St. Francis Xavierius honored, respected, and loved as his father, master, and superior.

Upon one of the nine days, the person performing this devotion must confess and communicate, making a most diligent preparation to please God and St. Francis Xavierius, for the more ready obtaining of the thing desired.

Such as cannot read may cause another to read these prayers to them, they giving great attention to them, and offering them up to St. Francis; or instead thereof, they may say ten times the *Lord's Prayer*, ten *Hail Marys*, and ten times *Glory be to the Father, &c.*, in memory of the ten years that St. Francis Xavierius spent in preaching in the Indies; begging of the Saint whatsoever they desire, and praying as he did for the conversion of infidels.

Though the properest time for performing this *Novena* be from the fourth of March to the twelfth, which is the day of the canonization of St. Francis Xavierius, yet it may be performed at any other time of the year.

How much the devotion of this *Novena* daily spreads, is well known; on this account St. Francis has obtained favors for several persons, as they themselves testify. In the year 1688, it was performed at Madrid with extraordinary solemnity, in the royal chapel of the palace, their Catholic Majesties being every day there present.

THE FIRST DAY OF THE NOVENA.

The person performing this devotion kneeling before an altar, or the image of St. Francis Xavierius, shall lift up his heart to God, and profoundly humbling himself in spirit, and offering up all his prayers, thoughts, and words to

his glory, in honor of the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Francis Xavierius, and all the Angels and Saints in Heaven, he shall make the sign of the Cross, and say the following Prayer :

O Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true man, my Creator and Redeemer. for thy sake alone, and because I love thee above all things, I am sorry from the bottom of my heart for having offended thee ; and I do firmly purpose never to fall into sin again, to confess my sins, and perform the penance that shall be enjoined me, and to make restitution and satisfaction, wherever it shall be due from me. For the love of thee I forgive all my enemies ; to thee I offer up my life, actions, and sufferings, in satisfaction for my sins : and since I humbly beg it of thee, I trust in thy goodness and infinite mercy, that thou wilt forgive me them through the merits of thy precious blood and passion, and will give me grace to amend my life, and to persevere in thy service unto my death. Amen.

Most glorious St. Francis Xavierius, Apostle of the Indies ! if it be for the glory of God, and to thy honor, that I obtain what I desire and beg by performing this *Novena*, obtain for me this grace of our Lord ; if not guide my petition, and beg of our Lord for me that which is most proper for his glory, and the benefit of my soul.

The following Prayer changes on each day of the Novena, as noted page 638.

A Prayer for the First Day.

O God and Lord of the Angels ! whom thou dost intrust with the guardianship of men, I make thee an offering of all the merits of these heavenly spirits, and those of thy servant St. Francis Xavierius, who was called an Angel for his purity ; and because he preserved men from many spiritual and corporal dangers. I beseech thee, grant me that purity of soul and body, which thou didst confer on this thy holy Apostle, and that par

secular grace, which I beg in this *Novena* to thy greater honor and glory. Amen.

Here say thrice the Lord's Prayer, and three Hail Marys, and then the following Prayer to St. Francis Xavierius.

Most holy Father, St. Francis Xavierius! who receivest thy praises from the mouths of innocent children; I most humbly implore thy bountiful charity for the sake of the most precious blood of Jesus, and of the immaculate conception of our blessed Lady, Mother of God; to the end thou mayest obtain of God's infinite goodness, that at the approach of my last hour, my heart may be separated and withdrawn from all worldly thoughts and distractions, and be fixed in the most ardent love of him, and a vehement desire of a happy eternity; so that laying aside the multiplicity of earthly things, which hitherto have perplexed me, I may most diligently seek, and perfectly find that one thing which is necessary, which is to die and rest in peace under the protection of the most holy Virgin Mary, in the wounds of Jesus her most blessed Son, in the sweet embraces of my God, and in thy presence, holy Saint, through whose intercession I hope to obtain this mercy. But yet, whilst it shall please the divine Providence to preserve my life, I beseech thee, my most loving protector and most affectionate Father, to obtain for me of his divine Majesty, that I may live as I would wish to have lived at the hour of my death; imitating thy virtues, and fulfilling the most holy will of God; that so my temporal death may be to me a passage into life everlasting; I also beseech thee to obtain for me that which I ask in this *Novena*, if it be for the glory of God and the good of my soul. Amen.

In the next place, you are to ask St. Francis Xavierius the particular favor you desire to obtain, heightening as much as in you is your confidence in him, with such words as your affectionate thoughts shall suggest, or such aspirations as your devotion shall dictate.

THE NOVENA TO

Then, the more to please this holy Apostle, in imitation of him, say that Prayer, which he himself composed, and used to say every day for the conversion of Infidels, which is as follows :

Eternal God, Creator of all things! remember that thou alone didst create the souls of infidels, framing them to thy own image and likeness: behold, O Lord, how to thy dishonor hell daily is replenished with them. remember, O Lord, thy only Son Jesus Christ, who suffered for them, most bountifully shedding his most precious blood: suffer not, O Lord, thy Son and our Lord to be any longer despised by infidels; but rather, being appeased by the entreaties and prayers of thy elect, the Saints, and of the Church, the most blessed spouse of thy Son, vouchsafe to be mindful of thy mercy, and, forgetting their idolatry and infidelity, cause them also to know him thou didst send, Jesus Christ thy Son and our Lord, who is our health, life, and resurrection, through whom we are made free and saved, to whom be all glory forever. Amen.

Then conclude with the prayer proper to this Saint

Antiph.

Well done, thou good and faithful servant; because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will place thee over many things; enter into the joy of thy Lord.

V. Our Lord hath guided the just man by right ways.

R. And hath showed him the kingdom of God.

The Prayer.

O God! who wast pleased to reduce to the bosom of thy Church the nations of the Indies, through the preaching and miracles of St. Francis Xavierius, mercifully grant us, that we may imitate his virtues, whose glorious merits we hold in veneration. Through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

A COMMEMORATION OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA.

Antiph.

This Man, despising the world, and triumphing over earthly things, heaped up riches in heaven by word and work.

V. The Lord loved and adorned him.

R. A garment of glory he hath put on him.

The Prayer.

O God! who for the propagation of the greater glory of thy name, hast, by blessed Ignatius, strengthened the Church militant with new auxiliaries; graciously vouchsafe that we, by his assistance and imitation, solicitously combating upon earth, may obtain with him an everlasting crown in heaven.

A COMMEMORATION OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT,
APOSTLE OF ENGLAND.*Antiph.*

O most excellent Doctor, light of the holy Church, blessed Gregory, lover of God's law, supplicate the Son of God for us.

V. Thou art a Priest forever.

R. According to the Order of Melchisedec.

The Prayer.

O God! who hast bestowed the reward of eternal blessedness on the soul of thy servant Gregory, grant mercifully that we, who are depressed with the weight of our sins, may by his prayers be delivered from them Through our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Second Day.

Lord God of the Archangels, whom thou dost intrust with the most weighty concerns of thy glory, and the benefit of men; I offer up to thee the merits of these

most diligent spirits, and those of thy great servant St. Francis Xavierius, whom thou madest the minister of thy glory, and to whom thou recommendest the spiritual welfare of innumerable souls. I beseech thee, grant that I may perform those duties which thy most holy and divine will hath imposed upon me, and also that I may obtain that particular grace which I beg of thee in this *Novena*, to thy greater honor and glory. Amen.

The Third Day.

Lord God of the Principalities! who, according to the disposition of thy divine will, by means of Angels and Archangels, takest care of the welfare of mankind, enlightening, instructing, and governing them; I offer up to thee the merits of these most zealous spirits, and those of thy servant St. Francis Xavierius, who enlightened and converted many kingdoms and provinces, and in them innumerable souls, not only by himself, but by his disciples and followers, instructing, teaching, and commanding. I beseech thee, grant me the zeal of this holy Apostle, and the particular petition I tender in this *Novena*, to thy greater honor and glory.

The Fourth Day.

Lord God of the Powers! who have a special prerogative to curb the infernal spirits; I offer up to thee the merits of these powers, and those of thy servant St. Francis Xavierius, to whom thou gavest singular power of expelling devils from bodies and souls. I beseech thee, grant me the grace to overcome all the temptations of the devil, and that which I beg of thee in this *Novena*, to thy greater honor and glory. Amen.

The Fifth Day.

Lord God of the Virtues, by whose means thou workest miracles and prodigies peculiar to thy sovereign power; I offer up to thee the merits of these most stupendous spirits, and those of thy servant St. Francis Xavierius, whom thou madest a new Thaumaturgus, or

worker of new and prodigious miracles; renewing in him the signs and wonders of thy blessed Apostles, that he might discover the Gospel to new nations. I beseech thee, grant me that profound humility wherewith St Francis Xaverius, amidst so many miracles, sought thy glory and not his own honor, as also that which I beg in this *Novena*, to thy greater honor and glory. Amen.

The Sixth Day.

Lord God of the Dominations, which preside over all inferior spirits as ministers of thy providence, and submit themselves to thy will, being ever ready to fulfil it, I offer up to thee the merits of these excellent spirits, and those of St. Francis Xaverius, who, though superior to many, yet humbly submitted himself to all superiors in them acknowledging thy Majesty, and readily fulfilling their commands. I beseech thee, grant me a ready and perfect obedience to all my superiors, and that special petition which I make in this *Novena*, to thy greater honor and glory. Amen.

The Seventh Day.

Lord God of the Thrones, on whom thou reposest as on the seat of thy glory, and chair of thy Majesty; I offer up to thee the merits of these supreme spirits, and those of St. Francis Xaverius, that throne of thy glory, that vessel of election to convey thy name to new nations, who denied himself to himself and to all worldly things, casting them out of his heart, that thou alonemight possess it. I beseech thee, grant that I may despise all worldly things, and rest in thee alone; grant me also the petition I make in this *Novena*, to thy greater honor and glory. Amen.

The Eighth Day.

Lord God of the Cherubim, who are adorned with the most perfect wisdom; I offer up to thee the merits of these most knowing spirits, and those of thy servant St Francis Xaverius, whom thou didst grace with super

eminent wisdom, and to whom thou didst reveal most profound secrets, that he might teach thy law to many people and nations. I beseech thee, grant that I may learn to fear and please thee, which is true wisdom, and that by word and example I may teach others to keep thy commandments; and that thou wilt also grant me the favor I beg in this *Novena*, to thy greater honor and glory. Amen.

The Ninth Day.

Lord God of the Seraphim, who are inflamed with the most ardent love of thee; I offer up to thee the merits of these most fervent spirits, and those of thy servant St. Francis Xavierius, who, like a Seraphim, was inflamed with thy love; conquering innumerable hardships and dangers of his life, to please thee, and to make those know and love thee, who before offended thee and knew thee not. I beseech thee, grant that I may love thee, my only God and my Lord, and endeavor to bring all men to the knowledge and love of thee; and also that thou wilt grant me that which I ask in this *Novena*, to thy greater honor and glory. Amen.

DEVOTION TO ST. IGNATIUS, FOUNDER OF THE
SOCIETY OF JESUS.

The Altar of St. Ignatius.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven,
have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of
the world, have mercy
on us.
God the Holy Ghost, have
mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have
mercy on us.

St. Ignatius, founder of the
Society of Jesus, pray for
us.

Inflamed with divine
love,

Promoter of the conver-
sion of the world,

Zealous for the greater
glory of God.

Dead to the world
through the spirit of
mortification,

Conqueror of all per-
verse inclinations,

Despiser of the world,

Zealous instructor of
youth,

Support of Christ's
Church against her
enemies.

Antagonist of heretical
errors,

Father of converted sin-
ners,

Perfect follower of Jesus
Christ,

Lover of voluntary pov-
erty,

Lover of angelical purity,
Master of perfect obedi-
ence,

Born again to divine
love,

Rapt in contemplation.

Mirror of humility,

Lover of fraternal char-
ity,

Promoter of peace
among men,

Singular for peace of
mind,

Enemy of sin,

Perfect model of a reli-
gious life,

Little before men, and
great before God,

Lover of heavenly glory,

Be merciful unto us, O
Lord.

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

We sinners beseech thee to
hear us.

That we may refer all
we do to thy honor
and glory,

That we may be re-born
to a better life,

That we may die to the
flesh and the world,

That we may subdue our
passions and vicious
inclinations,

That we shun sin as a
plague,

That we may detest all
pride,

That we may love pu-
rity,

That we may promote
the instruction of
youth,

That we may learn to
despise earthly goods,

That we may be true
followers of Christ,

That we may bear pa-
tiently the loss of all
temporal goods,

Pray for us.

Pray for us.

Pray for us.

That we may exercise
purity and modesty on
all occasions,

That we may cordially
esteem the command-
ments of God and our
superiors,

That we may ever culti-
vate brotherly love.

That we be little in this
world, and great in
heaven,

That we may ever seek
after eternal goods,

Son of God, we beseech
thee to hear us.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world, spare us, O Lord.

We beseech thee to hear us.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world, graciously hear us,
O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us
Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us

Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father, &c.

V. Pray for us, St. Ignatius.

R. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Let us pray.

O God! who, for the propagation of the greater glory
of thy name, hast by blessed Ignatius strengthened the
church militant with new auxiliaries; graciously vouch-
safe that we by his assistance and imitation, solicitously
combating upon earth, may obtain with him an everlast-
ing crown in Heaven, who liveth and reigneth world
without end. Amen.

Nobena to St. Ignatius, Founder of the Society
of Jesus.

*Before you begin the prayers of this Novena, first make an
act of the presence of God, and disengage your mind as
far as possible from all worldly concerns and distrac-
tions; then most profoundly humbling yourself, lift up your
heart to God in adoration of the most blessed Trinity*

and making the sign of the Cross, say the following Prayer.

Lord God of Heaven and Earth! who art the beginning and end of all created things! Behold me in thy divine presence, who am nothing but a wretched, miserable sinner: yet, O eternal Lord! I am still the work of thy sacred hands; not, indeed, made wretched, by thee, but brought to this wretchedness and misery through the malice of the devil, the deceitful vanities of the world, and the allurements of the flesh—this deplorable state of sin has deprived me of those great favors thy mercy had prepared for the support of those who should love and fear thee. And just it is, O great God! that thou shouldst withhold from me whatever thou didst intend for my support and comfort. This, O Lord! I acknowledge and confess. My infidelities and sins call forcibly on thy divine Majesty to arise and confound me. Against thee, O Lord! I have sinned; my evils have been committed in thy sight. All the abominations of my life are laid open to thy all-seeing eye.

But wretched and miserable as I am, I still see thy bleeding wounds, O dearest Redeemer! pleading for me, and turning from my guilty soul the wrath of thy eternal Father; wresting from his divine justice a promise of pardon to all who will sincerely repent and return to their duty. Prostrated, therefore, at the foot of thy Cross, O bountiful Redeemer! I offer to thee a heart filled with sorrow and repentance for the many grievous sins of my past life.—Oh! make this sorrow such as thou wouldst have it. View the wounds of thy blessed body, which let out the last drop of thy sacred blood for me! Remember thy love and thy desire for my salvation, and grant the sincere petition of my heart! Let my heart love thee, and detest all sin and infidelity for the love of thee. Let my heart be nailed in affection and love to thy holy Cross, and remain forever with thee, that I may make some reparation for my many and grievous offences. Grant me this favor at

present, O my God and extend it to the hour of my death. Amen.

O glorious St. Ignatius! chosen in the designs of God from eternity, to be the founder of his much beloved society, and the father of innumerable saints; vouchsafe to pray for me, and guide my petition in this Novena, that I may ask nothing but what is to the greater honor and glory of Almighty God, and the good of my soul; at least obtain for me, and for all now walking in ignorance and the shades of death, light and salvation through the sacred wounds of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Here say three times Our Father, Hail Mary, and as often, Glory be to the Father, &c., in honor of the Blessed Trinity. Then say the following Prayer.

Most holy and undivided Trinity! thee I adore with all the powers and affections of my soul; in thee I acknowledge my God, my Creator, my Lord, my Redeemer the source of all pious desires, heavenly love, and happiness: I humbly prostrate myself before the throne of thy glory. I rejoice from my soul, that this divine mystery of the Unity and Trinity of God is acknowledged, received, and adored by man. Praise and glory be given to thee, most sacred Trinity, who hast communicated this knowledge to the world, by thy chosen servants. Blessed be the eternal Father, who has made choice of his faithful servant Ignatius, as a fit instrument to propagate his glory, and spread the knowledge of divine mysteries through the whole world. Blessed be God the Son, who was pleased to communicate to Ignatius the fruit and virtue of his passion and cross, in order to make him a worthy founder of his beloved society. Blessed be the Holy Ghost, who did impart to the heart of Ignatius that divine love and heroic fortitude, by which he overcame the world, the flesh, and the devil. Most sacred Trinity! be thou adored, and thanked, by all thy creatures, both in Heaven and on earth, for all eternity. Amen.

O blessed Ignatius! by those great and singular fa

rors, which it has pleased God in his bounty to bestow on thee; by thy zeal and desire for the salvation of thy neighbor, permit thy humble client to beg thy powerful assistance. Obtain of God's infinite goodness that my heart, in its affections and motions, may ever be guided by that sound doctrine, which thou, by following the dictates of Heaven, hast preached to the world, and thereby brought salvation to thousands. It is to thee, O Lord, we owe, in part, the knowledge of God, and my Christian duty. O most affectionate Father! permit not that the effect of thy prayers and toils should cease in our regard. Thou hast begun through the labors of thy children the work of our salvation; may I not confidently hope that whatever thou askest of God will be granted us? Behold! how, to the dishonor of God, religion is contemned, ignorance, wickedness, and sin prevail. Hell is crowded with innumerable souls; the blood of an all-bountiful God lost—let all this, my loving protector, engage thy prayers in our behalf. Obtain for us that assistance from the Society of Jesus, which our sins have hitherto deprived us of. I also beseech thee to obtain for me that particularly which I ask in this Novena, if it be for the glory of God and good of my soul. Amen.

Here mention the particular favor you desire, with an affectionate heart, and confidence in the Saint. Then cast yourself in spirit at the foot of the Cross of Christ, humbly adore him Crucified for your Salvation, and say with sincerity the following Prayer.

My merciful God and loving Redeemer! I beseech thee, with as much humility and submission as possibly I am able, through thy tender mercy, through thy infinite love to sinners, through thy most precious blood shed for my salvation, through thy most excellent merits, together with those of thy blessed Mother; that thou wouldst dispose and direct all our works to thy greater glory and service, and to the good of those souls thou hast purchased at the dear rate of thy own sacred

blood.—My dearest Saviour! I pray thee to help, teach and illuminate me, and them, through thy great bounty and goodness.—Receive in our behalf the merits of thy faithful servant Ignatius, his prompt obedience to the designs of Heaven; hear likewise the prayers and sighs of all the blessed Saints, Martyrs, and Confessors of thy beloved Society; they have all cried aloud to thee, O dearest Redeemer! “Spare, O Lord! spare thy beloved people, deliver not thy possession into the power of thy enemies.”—Look on thy own mercy; how great, O Lord! is thy love for them! how deep thy sacred wounds! how copious the blood thou hast spilt for their redemption! My dear Lord Jesus Christ! through thy most tender mercy, hear the prayers of these thy servants, and permit me to offer to thee all the pains, tribulations, sufferings, and mortifications, all the apostolic labors of each, and every member of the Society of Jesus. O good Jesus! hear their prayers for this abandoned and distressed country. Amen.

In order to render the affections of your heart more like to those of St. Ignatius, make use of the following aspirations frequently during the nine days' devotion.

O Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, comfort me. O good Jesus, hear me. Hide me within thy wounds. Permit me not to be separated from thee. From the malice of my enemies defend me. At the hour of my death, call me. Command me to come to thee, that with thy saints, I may praise thee forever and ever. Amen.

Conclude the Novena Prayers with the proper commemoration of the Saint.

Well done, thou good and faithful servant, because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will place thee over many things, enter into the joy of thy Lord.

Vers. Our Lord hath guided the just man by right ways.

Resp. And hath showed him the kingdom of God.

The Prayer.

O God! who, for the propagation of the greater glory of thy name, hast, by blessed Ignatius, strengthened the Church militant with new auxiliaries; graciously vouchsafe, that we by his assistance and imitation, solicitously combating upon earth, may obtain with him an everlasting crown in heaven, who liveth and reigneth world without end. Amen.

The Litany of St. Teresa.

Lord, have mercy on us.
 Christ, have mercy on us.
 Lord, have mercy on us.
 Christ, hear us.
 Christ, graciously hear us.
 God the Father of heaven,
 have mercy on us.
 God the Son, Redeemer of
 the world, have mercy
 on us.
 God the Holy Ghost, have
 mercy on us.
 Holy Trinity, one God, have
 mercy on us.
 Holy Mary, pray for us.
 Holy Mother of God,
 Holy Virgin of virgins,
 St. Teresa, whose heart
 was filled with the
 love of God,
 St. Teresa, most humble
 servant of God,
 St. Teresa, most zealous
 for the glory of God,

Pray for us

St. Teresa, woman truly
 strong in mind,
 St. Teresa, truly de-
 tached from all crea-
 ted objects,
 St. Teresa, great light of
 the Catholic Church,
 St. Teresa, who wished
 to suffer or to die,
 St. Teresa, who ex-
 claimed: O Lord!
 how sweet and pleas-
 ing are thy ways,
 St. Teresa, who desired
 so much the salvation
 of souls,
 St. Teresa, who tasted
 and saw how sweet is
 the Lord, even in this
 vale of miseries,
 St. Teresa, who said: O
 death! who can fear
 thee, since thou art
 the way to true life,

Pray for us

St. Teresa, true lover of
the cross of Christ,
St. Teresa, who lived to
love, died to love, and
will love eternally,

Pray for us

V. Pray for us, O holy St. Teresa!

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

O God, who didst replenish the heart of thy blessed servant St. Teresa with the treasures of thy divine love! grant, that like her, we may love and suffer all things for thee, and in union with thee: that we may gain souls to thee, and secure our own, by the faithful observance of our holy rules; this we beg through the merits of our Saviour, and the intercession of thy glorious servant, St. Teresa. Amen.

Novena of the Seraphic Virgin, St. Teresa of Jesus.

This Novena commences on the 7th of October, and continues nine days, that is, till the 15th, inclusive; a day on which the feast of the saint is celebrated in all Carmelite churches with great solemnity. The persons who perform this Novena are to be employed on each of the days in prayer and good works, to the glory of Almighty God, and in honor of the holy virgin St. Teresa of Jesus; always endeavoring to repose an entire confidence in her prayers, and hoping, through her means, to obtain from God whatsoever they shall ask, provided it be conducive to their salvation and the good of their souls. When this Novena is not performed in a church with the general concourse of the faithful, but said in private, all the family should join in performing it, begging that from God, for every one, which each apart begs for himself.

First Day.



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. Amen.

Come, O Holy Ghost, replenish my heart, and enkindle in it the fire of thy divine love. Amen.

LET US PRAY.

O Almighty and eternal God, most holy and adorable Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, beginning and end of all things, in whom we live, and move, and have our being; I firmly believe that thou art here present; I adore thee with the most profound humility; I praise thee, I give thee thanks from the bottom of my heart, because thou hast created me after thine own likeness; because thou hast redeemed me with the precious blood of thine only Son. Behold, O Lord, I offer thee my thoughts, words, and actions; and firmly resolve from this moment to bear with patience and resignation all the crosses and afflictions I may meet with in the course of my life. I consecrate them entirely to the glory of thy name, in union with those of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, that through his infinite merits they may be acceptable to thee. Give them, O Lord, a blessing. May thy divine love animate them, and may they all tend to thy greater glory, and to procure for me a share of that heavenly felicity, which the seraphic virgin, St. Teresa of Jesus, this day enjoys.

Holy St. Teresa of Jesus, most pure virgin, if it be for the glory of God, and to thy honor, that I obtain —, which is what I desire and beg, by performing this Novena, obtain it for me, I beseech thee, O holy virgin, by thy prayers; if not, guide my petition, and beg of Jesus for me that which is most proper for his glory, and the salvation of my immortal soul, which shall soon appear before the awful tribunal of his divine Majesty. Amen.

ANTHEM.

Come, O holy Teresa, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee forever.

LET US PRAY.

O Almighty and eternal God, who didst inflame the heart of the seraphic Teresa with the love of thee, and didst endow her with wonderful fortitude of mind in the pursuit of perfection, through every path of life, and didst, moreover, by her means, illustrate the Church with many pious and exemplary children, grant, I most humbly beseech thee, by her merits and prayers, that we, who like her, put our whole trust in thee, may obtain strength of mind and body, to the end that we may love and serve thee, the true fountain of perfection here on earth, and hereafter see and enjoy thee in the kingdom of thy glory: through our Lord Jesus Christ Amen.

Our Father, &c. Hail, Mary, &c.
 Glory be to the Father, &c.

HYMN.

As legate sent by God's command,
 Teresa quits her native land,
 In barbarous soils to sow the seed
 Of Christian faith, or else to bleed.

But pains more gentle her attend—
 A softer death her life must end:
 Seraphic darts must strike her heart,
 And she in pangs of love depart.

O Love's true victim! may thy fire
 With holy warmth our hearts inspire
 And thy intrusted nations keep
 From hell's obscure and burning deep

God the Father, and the Son,
 And Holy Ghost, three in one,
 Be equal glory, equal praise,
 Both now and for eternal days. Amen.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother, St. Teresa.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

Hear us, O God our Saviour, that as we rejoice in the solemnity of blessed Teresa, thy virgin and our mother so we may be nourished with the food of her celestial doctrine, and improved with the affection of solid piety: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c. Hail, Mary, &c.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Second Day.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. Amen.

Come, O Holy Ghost, replenish my heart, and enkindle in it the fire of thy divine love. Amen.

First Prayer, "O eternal God," &c., as in p. 651.

Second Prayer, "Holy St. Teresa," &c., as in p. 651.

ANTHEM.

Come, O holy Teresa, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee forever.

LET US PRAY.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art both the model and reward of true sanctity and humility, we beseech thee, that as, by thy grace, blessed Teresa has been admitted to the enjoyments and delights of Paradise, so we also, by endeavoring to imitate her virtues, may arrive with joy to the revelation of thy everlasting glory, who livest and reignest with the Father, &c.

Our Father, &c. Hail, Mary, &c.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Hymn Vera, and Prayer, &c., as in pp. 638 and 639.

Third Day.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. Amen.

Come, O Holy Ghost, replenish my heart, and enkindle in it the fire of thy divine love. Amen.

First Prayer, "O eternal God," &c., as in p. 651.

Second Prayer, "Holy St. Teresa," &c., as in p. 651

ANTHEM.

Come, O holy Teresa, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee forever.

LET US PRAY.

O holy and invincible martyr, St. Teresa of Jesus, by that ardent love of God, which impelled you to relinquish your father's house, at the tender age of seven years, to carry the light of the Gospel amongst the Moors, with the determined resolution of shedding your blood for the faith of your heavenly Master, intercede for me, I beseech you, that I may always have such a lively faith, as to regulate my life in conformity with the precepts of my holy religion, and that I may arrive at the haven of salvation, to behold him face to face, in whom we believe and hope in this valley of tears, Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c. Hail, Mary, &c.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Hymn, Vers., and Prayer, &c., as in pp. 652 and 653.

Fourth Day.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity. now and for evermore. Amen.

Come, O Holy Ghost, replenish my heart, and enkindle in it the fire of thy divine love. Amen.

First Prayer, "O eternal God," &c., as in p. 651.

ANTHEM.

Come, O holy Teresa, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee forever.

LET US PRAY.

Holy St. Teresa, most pure virgin, by that extraordinary favor, which Almighty God conferred on you, in preserving you from the snares of the devil, during your stay in this life, I most humbly beseech you to obtain for me, by your prayers, the grace of doing true and salutary penance for all my sins, and of never offending the divine Majesty during the remainder of my life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c. Hail, Mary, &c.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Hymn Vers., Prayer, and Paternoster Aves, as in pp. 652 and 653.

Fifth Day.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. Amen.

Come, O Holy Ghost, replenish my heart, and enkindle in it the fire of thy divine love. Amen.

First Prayer, "O eternal God," &c., as in p. 651.

Second Prayer, "Holy St. Teresa," &c., as in p. 651.

ANTHEM.

Come, O holy Teresa, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee forever.

LET US PRAY.

O blessed Teresa, faithful teacher of the art of loving God and above all things, by that abundance of celestial lights, with which his divine Majesty filled thy happy mind; obtain for me, through thy powerful intercession, that I may imitate thy virtues; pray for me, I beseech thee, O glorious Teresa; and as thou hadst a sincere love for Jesus, and as Jesus always loved thee, obtain for me the incomparable advantage of living faithful to Jesus, and of dying in his divine love. Amen.

Our Father, &c. Hail, Mary, &c.
 Glory be to the Father, &c.

Hymn, Vers., Prayer and Paters and Aves, as in pp. 652 and 653

Sixth Day.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. Amen.

Come, O Holy Ghost, replenish my heart, and enkindle in it the fire of thy divine love. Amen.

First Prayer, "O eternal God," &c., as in p. 651.

Second Prayer, "Holy St. Teresa," &c., as in p. 651.

ANTHEM.

Come, O holy Teresa, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee forever.

LET US PRAY.

O Teresa, most beloved spouse of the Son of God, by that special favor you received from Jesus Christ, when, in ecstasy, you heard him declare you his spouse, we beseech you to obtain of him for us, that our souls having loved him faithfully here on earth, may be made worthy to enjoy him eternally in heaven. Amen.

Our Father, &c. Hail, Mary, &c.
 Glory be to the Father, &c.

Hymn, Vers., Prayer, Paters and Aves, as in pp. 652 and 653.

Seventh Day.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. Amen.

Come, O Holy Ghost, replenish my heart, and enkindle in it the fire of thy divine love. Amen.

First Prayer, "O eternal God," &c., as in p. 651.

Second Prayer, "Holy St. Teresa," &c., as in p. 651.

ANTHEM.

Come, O holy Teresa, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee forever.

LET US PRAY.

O Teresa, most fortunate in having inherited the fervent zeal of the great prophet and patriarch St. Elias, we beseech you, by that glory which redounds to your name, from your having been by Jesus Christ made zealotrix of his honor, to obtain of him for us, that we may zealously guard all our thoughts, words, and actions, lest by them we should be so unfortunate as to offend our good and gracious God. Amen.

Our Father, &c. Hail, Mary, &c.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Hymn, Vers., Prayer, Paters and Aves, as in pp. 652 and 653.

Eighth Day.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. Amen.

Come, O Holy Ghost, replenish my heart, and enkindle in it the fire of thy divine love. Amen.

First Prayer, "O eternal God," &c., as in p. 651.

Second Prayer, "Holy St. Teresa," &c., as in p. 651.

ANTHEM.

Come, O holy Teresa, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee forever.

LET US PRAY.

O Teresa, gifted with ecstatic contemplation, and apostolic love of the divine beauty, by that union of spirit, and internal attachment which you had always to God, the only object of your thoughts and affections; obtain for us the grace of a most fervent love for God, whereby we may seek or desire nothing but to please him in

this life, and in the next to enjoy him for eternity.
Amen.

Our Father, &c. Hail, Mary, &c.
Glory be to the Father, &c.

Hymn, Vers., Prayer, Paters and Aves, as in pp. 652 and 653.

Ninth Day.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. Amen.

Come, O Holy Ghost, replenish my heart, and enkindle in it the fire of thy divine love. Amen.

First Prayer, "O eternal God," &c., as in p. 651.

Second Prayer, "Holy St. Teresa," &c., as in p. 651.

ANTHEM.

Come, O holy Teresa, spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee forever.

LET US PRAY.

O Teresa, most pure victim of charity, having at length expired by the vehemence of your love for God, by that inexplicable joy and grief you experienced when your heart was wounded by the celestial seraphim, obtain for us, we beseech you, such an ardent love for God, as shall consume in our souls every thing that is earthly and sinful, and prepare them to receive the impressions of divine grace. Amen.

Our Father, &c. Hail, Mary, &c.
Glory be to the Father, &c.

Hymn, Vers. Prayer, Paters and Aves, as in pp. 652 and 653.

Litanyes.

The following Litanyes have been selected with the view of supplying a series of devotions adapted to the festivals and holy seasons of the Church, and capable of being varied as piety may suggest.

The subjoined Table shows the particular devotion by which it is a common practice to consecrate each day of the week :

<i>Sunday</i>	. . . .	To the Holy Trinity.
<i>Monday</i>	. . . .	" the Holy Ghost.
<i>Tuesday</i>	. . . .	" the Holy Angels.
<i>Wednesday</i>	. . . .	" St Joseph.
<i>Thursday</i>	. . . .	" the E. Sacrament.
<i>Friday</i>	. . . .	" the Passion of our Lord.
<i>Saturday</i>	. . . .	" the Blessed Virgin.

But, besides appropriating certain Litanyes to the days of the week usually recommended for their use, it would be a profitable exercise, both for individuals and for families, to dedicate a week to Jesus and Mary, in the following way :

<i>Sunday</i>	. . . .	Litanyes of the Holy Name of Jesus and of Loretto.
<i>Monday</i>	. . . .	" " Incarnate Word and the Immaculate Conception.
<i>Tuesday</i>	. . . .	" " Infant Jesus and of Loretto.
<i>Wednesday</i>	. . . .	" " Holy Name of Jesus, and ditto of Mary.
<i>Thursday</i>	. . . .	" " Life of Jesus, and ditto of Mary.
<i>Friday</i>	. . . .	" " Passion and of the Seven Dolors.
<i>Saturday</i>	. . . .	" " Sacred Heart of Jesus, and ditto of Mary.

Particular feasts will naturally suggest their corresponding devotions—e. g. the several festivals of our Lord and his Blessed Mother, the Holy Angels, St. Joseph, &c. ; and no further guidance will be needed than that which is

afforded by any Catholic Directory. But for the readier fulfilment of the plan proposed, the following Table is prefixed, which gives the Litanies proper to each season in their order.

Table of Litanies throughout the Year.

<i>Advent</i>	.	.	.	{ Litany of the Incarnate Word, and ditto of Penance.
<i>Christmas</i>	.	.	.	{ Litany of the Infant Jesus.
<i>Epiphany</i>	.	.	.	{ Litany of the Infant Jesus, and the Life of ditto.
<i>Septuagesima</i>	.	.	.	{ Litany of the Life of Jesus; and on Fridays, that of the Passion.
<i>Lent</i>	.	.	.	{ Litany of Penance, and on Wednesdays and Fridays, that of the Passion.
<i>Passion and Holy Weeks</i>	.	.	.	{ Litany of the Passion.
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	.	.	.	{ " " the Blessed Sacrament.
<i>Good Friday</i>	.	.	.	{ " " the Passion and of the Holy Cross.
<i>Easter</i>	.	.	.	{ Litany of the Resurrection.
<i>Ascension Day to Whitsunday</i>	.	.	.	{ " " Jesus glorified.
<i>Whitsuntide</i>	.	.	.	{ " " the Holy Ghost.
<i>Trinity Sunday, and Sunday after Pentecost</i>	.	.	.	{ " " the Most Holy Trinity.
<i>Corpus Christi</i>	.	.	.	{ " " the Blessed Sacrament.

Devotion will contrive numerous combinations, by which the peculiar character of each day or season may be duly observed, and the several aspects of the Divine Mysteries receive their proper measure of attention and contemplation.

The Litany of the Saints may very suitably be used on the festivals of those eminent Saints whose names are especially commemorated in them.

Litanies, again, form appropriate devotions for particular *Novenas*,* and for consecrating the several months of the

* A *Novena* is a devotion of nine days, in honor of some mystery of our redemption, to obtain a particular request, or in honor of the B. V. Mary, or some of the Saints, to beg their intercession in obtaining it. It may be performed with any forms of prayer.

year to some special object. To this end the following Table is given, showing—

THE TIMES OF NOVENAS* AND OTHER DEVOTIONS,
which may be performed at discretion.

BEGINS.	ENDS.	NOVENAS, AND OTHER DEVOTIONS.
January . . .	Feb. 1 . . .	Month of Devotion to the Holy Infancy.
Jan. 24 . . .	Feb. 1 . . .	Novena of the Purification of B. V. Mary.
Nine days before 2d Sunday of Epiphany . . .		" " Holy Name of Jesus.
Feb. 1 . . .	Feb. 9 . . .	" " Most Holy Trinity.
March . . .		Month of Devotion to St. Joseph.
March 4 . . .	March 12 . . .	Novena of St. Francis Xavier.
" 8 . . .	" 16 . . .	" St. Patrick.
" 10 . . .	" 18 . . .	" St. Joseph.
" 16 . . .	" 24 . . .	" the Annunc'n of B. V. Mary.
Thirteen Fridays before April 2 . . .		Devotion to St. Francis of Paula.
April 14 . . .	April 22 . . .	Novena of St. George.
May . . .		Month of Devotion to B. V. Mary.
Nine days before Whit-Sunday . . .		Novena of the Holy Ghost.
June . . .		{ Month of Devotion to the Precious Blood of our Lord.
Nine days before the Feast of the Sacred Heart . . .		Novena of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Six Sundays before June 21 . . .		Devotion to St. Aloysius Gonzaga.
June 20 . . .	June 28 . . .	Novena of SS. Peter and Paul.
" 21 . . .	" 30 . . .	" St. Aloysius Gonzaga.
" 17 . . .	" 25 . . .	" St. Anne.
July 16 . . .	July 24 . . .	" B. V. Mary of Mount Carmel.
August . . .		Month of Devotion to S. Heart of Mary.
Aug. 6 . . .	Aug. 14 . . .	Novena of Assumption of B. V. Mary.
" 15 . . .	" 24 . . .	Ditto.
" 30 . . .	Sept. 7 . . .	Novena of the Nativity of B. V. Mary.
Sept. 20 . . .	" 28 . . .	" St. Michael and Angel Guardians
" 28 . . .	Oct. 3 . . .	" St. Francis of Assisium.
October . . .		Month of Devotion to the Holy Angels
Oct. 7 . . .	Oct. 15 . . .	Novena of St. Teresa.
" 24 . . .	Nov. 1 . . .	" for the Souls in Purgatory.
November . . .		Month of Devotion for ditto.
Nov. 29 . . .	Dec. 7 . . .	Novena of the Conception of B. V. Mary.
Dec. 16 . . .	" 24 . . .	" " Nativity of our Lord.

* Many of these Novenas have indulgences attached to them.

Litany of the Saints.

This is the only Litany which forms part of the regular and appointed Offices of the Church, and is used on all occasions of public humiliation, &c.

Ne reminiscaris, Domine,
delicta nostra, vel parentum
nostrorum; neque vindic-
tam sumas de peccatis nos-
tris.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe audi nos.

Christe exaudi nos.

Pater de cœlis Deus,

Fili Redemptor mundi

Deus,

Spiritus Sancte Deus,

Sancta Trinitas, unus

Deus,

Sancta Maria.

Sancta Dei Genitrix,

Sancta Virgo virginum,

Sancte Michael,

Sancte Gabriel,

Sancte Raphael,

Omnes sancti Angeli et

Archangeli, *Orate, &c.*

Omnes sancti beatorum Spi-

rituum ordines, *Orate, &c.*

Sancte Joannes Baptist,

Ora, &c.

Remember not, O Lord,
our offences, nor those of
our fathers; neither take
thou vengeance of our sins

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heav-
en,

God the Son, Redeemer
of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

St. Michael,

St. Gabriel,

St. Raphael,

All ye holy Angels and

Archangels,

All ye holy orders of

blessed Spirits,

St. John Baptist.

Miserere nobis.

Ora pro nobis.

Have mercy, &c.

Pray for us.

Sancte Joseph, *Ora, &c.*
 Omnes sancti Patriarchæ et
 Prophetæ, *Ora, &c.*

Sancte Petre,
 Sancte Paule,
 Sancte Andrea,
 Sancte Jacobe,
 Sancte Joannes,
 Sancte Thoma,
 Sancte Jacobe,
 Sancte Philippe,
 Sancte Bartholomæe,
 Sancte Matthæe,
 Sancte Simon,
 Sancte Thaddæe,
 Sancte Matthia,
 Sancte Barnaba,
 Sancte Luca,
 Sancte Marce,

Omnes sancti Apostoli et
 Evangelistæ, *Ora, &c.*

Omnes sancti Discipuli Do-
 mini, *Ora, &c.*

Omnes sancti Innocentes,
Ora, &c.

Sancte Stephane, *Ora, &c.*

Sancte Laurenti, *Ora, &c.*

Sancte Vincenti, *Ora, &c.*

Sancti Fabiane et Sebas-
 tiane,

Sancti Joannes et Paule,

Sancti Cosma et Dami-
 ane,

Sancti Gervasi et Protasi,

Omnes sancti Martyres

Sancte Sylvester,

Sancte Gregori,

Sancte Ambrosi,

Sancte Augustine,

St. Joseph

All ye holy Patriarchs
 and Prophets,

St. Peter,

St. Paul,

St. Andrew,

St. James,

St. John,

St. Thomas,

St. James,

St. Philip,

St. Bartholomew,

St. Matthew,

St. Simon,

St. Thaddæus,

St. Matthias,

St. Barnabus,

St. Luke,

St. Mark,

All ye holy Apostles and
 Evangelists,

All ye holy Disciples of
 our Lord,

All ye holy Innocents,

St. Stephen,

St. Lawrence,

St. Vincent,

SS. Fabian and Sebas-
 tian,

SS. John and Paul,

SS. Cosmas and Damian,

SS. Gervase and Protase,

All ye holy Martyrs,

St. Sylvester,

St. Gregory,

St. Ambrose,

St. Augustine,

Ora pro nobis.

Ora, &c.

Pray for us

Sancte Hieronymus,	<i>Orate,</i>	St. Jerome,	
Sancte Martine,		St. Martin,	
Sancte Nicolae,		St. Nicholas,	
Omnes sancti Pontifices et		All ye holy Bishops and	
Confessores, <i>Orate, &c.</i>		Confessors,	
Omnes sancti Doctores,		All ye holy Doctors,	
<i>Orate, &c.</i>			
Sancte Antoni,		St. Anthony,	
Sancte Benedicte,	<i>Orate,</i>	St. Benedict,	
Sancte Bernarde,		St. Bernard,	
Sancte Dominice,		St. Dominic,	
Sancte Francisce,		St. Francis,	
Omnes sancti Sacerdotes et		All ye holy Priests and	
Levitæ, <i>Orate, &c.</i>		Levites,	
Omnes sancti Monachi et		All ye holy Monks and	
Eremitæ, <i>Orate, &c.</i>		Hermits,	
Sancta Maria Magdalena,		St. Mary Magdalene,	
Sancta Agatha,	<i>Orate pro nobis.</i>	St. Agatha,	
Sancta Lucia,		St. Lucy,	
Sancta Agnes,		St. Agnes,	
Sancta Cæcilia,		St. Cicily,	
Sancta Catharina,		St. Catherine,	
Sancta Anastasia,		St. Anastasia,	
Omnes sanctæ Virgines et		All ye holy Virgins and	
Viduæ, <i>Orate, &c.</i>		Widows,	
Omnes Sancti et Sanctæ		All ye holy men and wo-	
Dei,		men, Saints of God,	
<i>Intercedite pro nobis.</i>		<i>Make intercession for us.</i>	
Propitius esto,		Be merciful,	
<i>Parce nobis, Domine</i>		<i>Spare us, O Lord.</i>	
Propitius esto,		Be merciful,	
<i>Exaudi nos, Domine.</i>		<i>Graciously hear us, O Lord</i>	
Ab omni malo,		From all evil,	
Ab omni peccato,	<i>Libera, &c.</i>	From all sin,	
Ab ira tua,*		From thy wrath,*	
A subitanea et improvisa		From sudden and un-	
morte,		looked-for death,	

* Here, for the Devotion of the Forty Hours, is inserted

Ab insidiis diaboli,
 Ab ira, et odio, et omni
 mala voluntate,
 A spiritu fornicationis,
 A fulgure et tempestate,
 A morte perpetua
 Per mysterium sanctæ
 Incarnationis tuæ,
 Per Adventum tuum,
 Per Nativitatem tuam,
 Per Baptismum et sanc-
 tum Jejunium tuum,
 Per Crucem et Passio-
 nem tuam,
 Per Mortem et Sepultu-
 ram tuam,
 Per sanctam Resurrec-
 tionem tuam,
 Per admirabilem Ascen-
 sionem tuam,
 Per adventum Spiritus
 Sancti Paracliti,
 In die judicii,
 Peccatores,
Te rogamus audi nos.
 Ut nobis parcas,
 Ut nobis indulgeas

Libera nos, Domine.

From the snares of the
 devil,
 From anger, and hatred,
 and every evil will,
 From the spirit of forni-
 cation,
 From lightning and tem-
 pest,
 From everlasting death,
 Through the mystery of
 thy holy Incarnation,
 Through thy Coming,
 Through thy Nativity,
 Through thy Baptism
 and holy Fasting,
 Through thy Cross and
 Passion,
 Through thy Death and
 Burial,
 Through thy holy Resur-
 rection,
 Through thine admirable
 Ascension,
 Through the coming of
 the Holy Ghost the
 Paraclete,
 In the day of judgment,
 We sinners,
Beseech thee, hear us.
 That thou wouldst spare
 us,
 That thou wouldst par-
 don us,

O Lord, deliver us.

Ab imminentibus periculis,
 A peste, fame, et bello,

From all dangers that
 threaten us.
 From plague, famine, and
 war.

Ut ad veram poenitentiam nos perducere digneris,

Ut Ecclesiam tuam sanctam regere et conservare digneris,

Ut Dominum Apostolicum, et omnes ecclesiasticos ordines in sancta religione conservare digneris,

Ut inimicos sanctæ Ecclesiæ humiliare digneris,*

Ut regibus et principibus Christianis pacem et veram concordiam donare digneris,*

Ut cuncto populo Christiano pacem et unitatem largiri digneris,

Ut nosmetipsos in tuo sancto servitio confortare et conservare digneris,

Ut mentes nostras ac celestia desideria erigas,

That thou wouldst bring us to true penance,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to govern and preserve thy holy Church,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to preserve our Apostolic Prelate, and all orders of the Church in holy religion,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to humble the enemies of holy Church,*

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to give peace and true concord to Christian kings and princes,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to all Christian people,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to confirm and preserve us in thy holy service,

That thou wouldst lift up our minds to heavenly desires,

To rogatione audi nos.

We beseech thee, hear us.

* For the Devotion of the Forty Hours, insert :

Ut Turcarum, et hæreticorum conatus reprimere et ad nihilum redigere digneris.

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to defeat the attempts of all Turks and heretics, and bring them to naught.

Ut omnibus benefactoribus nostris sempiterna bona retribuas,

Ut animas nostras, fratrum, propinquorum, et benefactorum nostrorum ab æterna damnatione eripias,

Ut fructus terræ dare et conservare digneris,

Ut omnibus fidelibus defunctis requiem æternam donare digneris,

Ut nos exaudire digneris,

Fili Dei,
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,

Parce nobis, Domine.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,

Exaudi nos, Domine.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,

Miserere nobis.
Christe audi nos.
Christe exaudi nos.
Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Pater noster (*secreto*).

That thou wouldst render eternal blessings to all our benefactors,
That thou wouldst deliver our souls and the souls of our brethren, relations, and benefactors, from eternal damnation,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe graciously to hear us,

Son of God,
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Our Father (*secrety*).

We beseech thee, hear us.

Te rogamus audi nos.

V. Et ne nos inducas in
tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo

V. And lead us not into
temptation.

R. But deliver us from
evil.

Psalm lxxix. Deus in adiutorium.

Deus in adiutorium meum
intende: Domine, ad adju-
vandum me festina.

Confundantur et revere-
antur: qui quærent animam
meam:

Avortantur retrorsum, et
erubescant: qui volunt mihi
mala.

Avortantur statim eru-
bescentes, qui dicunt mihi:
Euge. euge.

Exultent et lætentur in
te omnes qui quærent te:
et dicant semper, Magnifi-
cetur Dominus; qui dili-
gunt salutare tuum.

Ego vero egenus et pau-
per sum: Deus, adjuva me.

Adiutor meus et libera-
tor meus es tu: Domine,
ne moreris.

Gloria Patri, &c.

V. Salvos fac servos tuos.

R. Deus meus, sperantes
in te.

V. Esto nobis, Domine,
turris fortitudinis.

R. A facie inimici.

1. O God, come to my
assistance: O Lord, make
haste to help me.

2 Let them be confound-
ed and ashamed: that seek
after my soul.

3 Let them be turned
backward, and blush for
shame: that desire evils un-
to me.

4 Let them be straight-
way turned backward blush-
ing for shame, that say unto
me: 'Tis well, 'tis well.

5 Let all that seek thee
be joyful and glad in thee:
and let such as love thy sal-
vation say alway, The Lord
be magnified.

6 But I am needy and
poor: O God, help thou me.

7 Thou art my helper and
my deliverer: O Lord, make
no long delay.

Glory be, &c.

V. Save thy servants.

R. Who hope in thee, O
my God.

V. Be unto us, O Lord, a
tower of strength.

R. From the face of the
enemy.

V. Nihil proficiat inimi-
sus in nobis.

R. Et filius iniquitatis
non apponat nocere nobis.

V. Domine, non secun-
dum peccata nostræ facias
nobis.

R. Neque secundum ini-
quitates nostras retribuas
nobis.

V. Oremus pro Pontifice
nostro, N.

R. Dominus conservet
eum, et vivificet eum, et
beatum faciat eum in terra;
et non tradat eum in ani-
mam inimicorum ejus.

V. Oremus pro benefac-
toribus nostris.

R. Retribuere dignare,
Domine, omnibus nobis bona
facientibus propter nomen
tuum vitam æternam. Amen.

V. Oremus pro fidelibus
defunctis.

R. Requiem æternam
dona eis, Domine; et lux
perpetua luceat eis.

V. Requiescant in pace.

P. Amen.

V. Pro fratribus nostris
absentibus.

R. Salvos fac servos tuos,
Deus meus, sperantes in te.

V. Mitte eis, Domine,
auxilium de sancto.

V. Let not the enemy
prevail against us.

R. Nor the son of ini-
quity approach to hurt us.

V. O Lord, deal not with
us according to our sins.

R. Neither requite us ac-
cording to our iniquities.

V. Let us pray for our
Sovereign Pontiff, N.

R. The Lord preserve
him and give him life, and
make him blessed upon the
earth; and deliver him not
up to the will of his ene-
mies.

V. Let us pray for our
benefactors.

R. Vouchsafe, O Lord,
for thy name's sake, to re-
ward with eternal life all
them that do us good.
Amen.

V. Let us pray for the
faithful departed.

R. Eternal rest give un-
to them, O Lord: and let
perpetual light shine upon
them.

V. Let them rest in peace

R. Amen.

V. For our absent breth-
ren.

R. Save thy servants, who
hope in thee, O my God.

V. Send them help, O
Lord, from the sanctuary.

R. Et de Sion tuere eos R. And defend them out of Sion.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam. V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat. R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Oremus.*

Let us pray.*

Deus, cui proprium est misereri semper, et parcere: O God, whose property is always to have mercy

* For the Devotion of the Forty Hours the following Collects are used:

Deus, qui nobis, &c., p. 987. O God, who in thy wonderful, &c., p. 987.

From Advent to Christmas

Deus, qui de beatæ, &c., p. 882. O God, who wast pleased, &c., p. 882.

From Christmas to the Purification.

Deus, qui salutis, &c., p. 883. O God, who by the fruitful, &c., p. 883.

From the Purification to Advent.

Concede nos famulos tuos, quæsumus, Domine Deus, perpetua mentis et corporis sanitate gaudere; et gloriosa beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis intercessione, a præsentis liberari tristitia, et æterna perfrui lætitia. Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord God, that we, thy servants, may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body; and by the intercession of the blessed Mary ever Virgin, may be delivered from present sorrow, and obtain eternal joy.

Then follows the Collect for the Pope, after which is said:

Deus, refugium nostrum et virtus, adesto piis Ecclesiæ tuæ precibus, auctor ipse pietatis; et præsta, ut quod fide- O God, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all piety, hearken unto the devout prayers of thy Church:

suscipe deprecationem nostram; ut nos, et omnes famulos tuos, quos delictorum catena constringit, miseratione tuæ pietatis clementer absolvas.

Exaudi, quæsumus, Domine, supplicum preces, et confitentium tibi parce peccatis: ut pariter nobis indulgentiam tribuas benignus et pacem.

Ineffabilem nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam clementer ostende: ut simul nos et a peccatis omnibus

and to spare, receive our humble petition; that we, and all thy servants who are bound by the chain of sins, may, by the compassion of thy goodness, mercifully be absolved.

Graciously hear, we beseech thee, O Lord, the prayers of thy suppliants, and forgive the sins of them that confess to thee; that, in thy bounty, thou mayest grant us both pardon and peace.

Show forth upon us, O Lord, in thy mercy, thy unspeakable loving-kindness; that thou mayest

liter petimus, efficaciter consequamur.

and grant that what we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually.

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, in cujus manu sunt omnes potestates, et omnia jura regnorum, respice in auxilium Christianorum, ut gentes paganorum et hæreticorum, quæ in sua feritate et fraude confidunt, dexteræ tuæ potentia conterantur.

Almighty, everlasting God, in whose hand are all the powers and all the rights of kingdoms, come to the assistance of thy Christian people, that all pagan and heretical nations, who trust in their own violence and fraud may be broken by the might of thy right hand.

Then follows the last Collect, Omnipotens sempiterne Deus &c., Almighty, everlasting God, &c., with the Versicles, except that, in the last response but one, &c., instead of the simple Amen, is said:

R. Et custodiat nos semper Amen.

R. And ever preserve us Amen.

**exuls, et a pœnis, quas pro
nis meremur, eripias.**

**Deus, qui culpa offen-
deris, pœnitentia placaris:
preces populi tui suppli-
cantis propitius respice; et
flagella tuæ iracundiæ, quæ
pro peccatis nostris mere-
mur, averte.**

**Omnipotens sempiterne
Deus, miserere famulo tuo
Pontifici nostro N., et dirige
eum secundum tuam cle-
mentiam in viam salutis
eternæ: ut te donante tibi
placita cupiat, et tota vir-
tute perficiat.**

**Deus, a quo sancta de-
sideria, recta consilia, et
justa sunt opera: da servis
tuis illam, quam mundus
dare non potest, pacem; ut
et corda nostra mandatis
tuis dedita, et hostium sub-
ata formidine, tempora sint
in protectione tranquilla.**

**Ure igne Sancti Spiritus
renes nostros et cor nos-
trum, Domine: ut tibi casto**

**both loose us from all our
sins, and deliver us from
the punishments which we
deserve for them.**

**O God, who by sin art
offended, and by penances
pacified, mercifully regard
the prayers of thy people
making supplication to thee,
and turn away the scourges
of thine anger which we
deserve for our sins.**

**Almighty, everlasting
God, have mercy upon thy
servant N., our Sovereign
Pontiff, and direct him, ac-
cording to thy clemency,
into the way of everlasting
salvation; that by thy grace
he may both desire those
things that are pleasing to
thee, and perform them with
all his strength.**

**O God, from whom all
holy desires, all right coun-
sels, and all just works do
come, give unto thy ser-
vants that peace which the
world cannot give; that
both our hearts being de-
voted to the keeping of thy
commandments, and the fear
of enemies being taken
away, we may pass our
time, by thy protection,
peacefully.**

**Inflame, O Lord, our
reins and heart with the
fire of the Holy Ghost; that**

corpore serviamus, et mundo corde placeamus.

Fidelium Deus omnium Conditor et Redemptor, animabus famulorum famularumque tuarum remissionem cunctorum tribue peccatorum: ut indulgentiam, quam semper optaverint, piis supplicationibus consequantur.

Actiones nostras, quæsumus, Domine, aspirando præveni, et adjuvando prosequere: ut cuncta nostra oratio et operatio a te semper incipiat, et per te cœptariatur.

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui vivorum dominaris simul et mortuorum, omniumque misereris, quos tuos fide et opere futuros esse prænoscis: te supplices exoramus; ut pro quibus effundere preces decrevimus, quæque vel præsens sæculum adhuc in carne retinet, vel futurum jam exutos corpore suscepit, intercedentibus omnibus Sanctis tuis, pietatis tuæ clementia omnium delictorum suorum veniam consequantur. Per Dominum nostrum.

we may serve thee with a chaste body, and please thee with a clean heart.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of thy servants departed the remission of all their sins; that through pious supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired.

Prevent, we beseech thee, O Lord, our actions by thy inspirations, and further them with thy continual help; that every prayer and work of ours may always begin from thee, and through thee be likewise ended.

Almighty, everlasting God, who hast dominion over the living and the dead, and art merciful to all, who thou foreknowest will be thine by faith and works; we humbly beseech thee that they for whom we intend to pour forth our prayers, whether this present world still detain them in the flesh, or the world to come hath already received them stripped of their mortal bodies, may, by the grace of thy loving-kindness, and by the intercession of all the Saints, obtain

the remission of all ~~lath~~
sins. Through thy Son
Jesus Christ, our Lord, who
liveth and reigneth with
thee, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God, forever
and ever.

R Amen.

V O Lord, hear my
prayer.

R. And let my cry come
unto thee.

V. May the Almighty and
merciful Lord graciously
hear us.

R Amen.

V. And may the souls of
the faithful, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.

R Amen.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi ora-
tionem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad
te veniat.

V. Exaudiat nos omnip-
otens et misericors Domi-
nus.

R. Amen.

V. Et fidelium animæ
per misericordiam Dei re-
quiescant in pace.

R. Amen.

Altany of the Most Holy Trinity.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Blessed Trinity, hear us.

Adorable Unity, graciously
hear us.

God the Father of heav-
en,

God the Son, Redeemer
of the world.

God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Father, from whom are
all things,

Son, through whom are
all things,

Holy Ghost, in whom are
all things,

Holy and undivided
Trinity,

Father everlasting,
Only-begotten Son of
the Father,

from mercy on us.

Have, &c.

Spirit, who proceedest
from the Father and
the Son.

Co-eternal Majesty of
Three Divine Per-
sons,

Father the Creator,
Son the Redeemer

Holy Ghost the Com-
forter,

holy, holy, holy Lord
God of hosts,

Who art, who wast, and
who art to come,

God, Most High, who
inhabitest eternity,

To whom alone are due
all honor and glory,

Who alone doest great
wonders,

Power infinite,

Wisdom incomprehen-
sible,

Love unspeakable,

Be merciful.

Spare us, O Holy Trinity.

Be merciful.

*Graciously hear us, O Holy
Trinity.*

From all evil,

From all sin,

From all pride,

From all love of riches,

From all uncleanness,

From all sloth,

From all inordinate af-
fection,

From all envy and mal-
ice.

From all anger and im-
patience,

From every thought,
word, and deed, con-
trary to thy holy
law,

From thy everlasting
malediction,

Through thy almighty
power,

Through thy plenteous
loving-kindness,

Through the exceeding
treasures of thy good-
ness and love,

Through the depths of
thy wisdom and know-
ledge,

Through all thy un-
speakable perfections,

We sinners,

Beseech thee, hear us.

That we may ever serve
thee alone,

That we may worship
thee in spirit and in
truth,

That we may love thee
with all our heart,
with all our soul,
and with all our
strength,

That, for thy sake, we
may love our neigh-
bor as ourselves,

That we may faithfully
keep thy holy com-
mandments,

That we may never de-

Remember us, O Holy Trinity.

We beseech thee, hear us

Have mercy on us.

Deliver us, &c.

file our bodies and our
souls with sin,

That we may go from
grace to grace, and
from virtue to vir-
tue,

That we may finally en-
joy the sight of thee
in glory,

That thou wouldst
vouchsafe to hear
us,

O blessed Trinity,
We beseech thee, deliver us.

O blessed Trinity,
We beseech thee, save us.

O blessed Trinity,
Have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

V. Blessed art thou, O

Lord, in the firmament of
heaven.

R. And worthy to be
praised, and glorious, and
highly exalted forever

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting
God, who hast given to thy
servants, in the confession
of the true faith, to ac-
knowledge the glory of the
Eternal Trinity, and in the
power of Majesty to adore
the Unity; grant, we be-
seech thee, that, by stead-
fastness in this faith, we
may ever be defended from
all adversities. Through
our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

A Scriptural Litany.

(Abridged from the "Paradisus Anima.")

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

God the Father of heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

God, of whom, by whom, and in whom
are all things,
God, in whom we live, and move, and
are,

Who alone hast immortality, and
dwell'st in light inaccessible,
Whose majesty filleth the whole
earth,

Whom heaven and the heaven of
heavens cannot contain,
Who hast made all things for thyself,
Who workest all things according to
the counsel of thy will,
In whose hand is the soul of every
living thing, and the spirit of all
flesh,

Who openest thine hand, and fillest
with blessing every living creature,
Who hast power to cast body and
soul into hell,
Who dost great things and unsearch-
able, and wonderful things without
number,

Whose eyes are brighter than the sun,
beholding all the ways of men,
Who catchest the wise in their crafti-
ness, and disappointest the counsel
of the wicked,

Who searchest the heart, and triest
the reins,

Whose judgments are incomprehen-
sible, and whose ways are unsearch-
able,

Who art the Father of orphans, and
the Judge of widows,
Merciful and patient, of much com-
passion, and true,
Our protector, and our reward exceed-
ingly great,

Rom. xi. 36.

Acts xvii. 28.

1 Tim. vi. 16.

Ps. lxxi. 19.

2 Kin. viii. 27.

Prov. xvi. 4.

Eph. i. 11.

Job xii. 10.

Ps. cxliv. 16.

Matt. x. 28.

Job v. 9.

Ecc. xxiii. 28.

Job v. 13.

Jer. xii. 10.

Rom. xi. 33.

Ps. lxvii. 6.

Ps. lxxxv. 15.

Gen. xv. 1.

Have mercy on us.

King of kings, and Lord of lords, 1 Tim. vi. 13
 King of ages, immortal and invisible, 1 Tim. i. 17.
 Be merciful, *Spare us, O Lord.*
 Be merciful, *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*
 From all sin,
 From pride and vain-glory,
 From avarice and worldly solicitude,
 From anger, resentment, and envy,
 From calumny, detraction, and rash judgment,
 From gluttony, drunkenness, and impurity,
 From spiritual sloth, and the forgetfulness of our sal-
 vation,
 From the abuse of thy grace, and a reprobate
 sense,
 From the worm that never dieth, and the fire that
 shall never be extinguished,
 From being deprived of the sight and enjoyment of
 thee,
 Through thy almighty power and infinite wisdom,
 Through thy incomprehensible majesty and eternal
 glory,
 Through thy ineffable bounty and superabundant
 mercy,
 Through all the humiliations and sufferings of thine
 only-begotten Son,
 We sinners, *Deseech thee, hear us.*
 That we may love thee, the Lord our God, with all
 our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind,
 That we may adore thee alone, and serve thee in holi-
 ness and righteousness all the days of our lives,
 That we may never take thy holy name in vain.
 That we may sanctify the feasts and holy days of the
 Church,
 That we may give due honor and obedience to our
 parents and lawful superiors,
 That we may not injure our neighbor in body, soul,
 or peace of mind,
 That we may crucify the flesh, with its vices and con-
 cupiscences, and be ever clean of heart,

O Lord, answer us

We beseech thee, hear us.

That we may not do to others what we would not
have others do to us,

That we may not covet our neighbor's goods,

That thou wouldst make all grace abound in us,

That we may present our bodies a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to thee,

That thou wouldst bring us to the kingdom which
thou hast prepared for us from the foundation of
the world,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world.

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

Let us pray.

O adorable Lord, in Three distinct and equal Persons
One God, who requirest the homage of our reason by
the belief of mysteries which are above our understand-
ing, and that of our will by the observance of precepts
which are mortifying to our natural inclinations; give us
thy grace to perform this two-fold duty, and grant that
we may never oppose our uncertain reasoning to thy
infallible truth, nor deliberately transgress thy most high
and holy commands. Thus continuing until death, in
entire subjection to thee, may we come at last to the
clear and perfect enjoyment of thee. Who livest and
reignest world without end. Amen.

Litany of the Holy Ghost.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.
 Holy Ghost, hear us.
 Holy Ghost, graciously hear us.
 God the Father of heav-
 en,
 God the Son, Redeemer
 of the world,
 God the Holy Ghost,
 Holy Trinity, one God,
 Holy Ghost, who pro-
 ceedest from the Fa-
 ther and the Son,
 Holy Ghost, co-equal
 with the Father and
 the Son,
 Promise of the Father,
 most loving and most
 bounteous,
 Gift of the most high
 God,
 Ray of heavenly light,
 Author of all good,
 Source of living wa-
 ter,
 Consuming Fire,
 Burning Love,
 Spiritua. Uncction,
 Spirit of truth and of
 power,
 Spirit of wisdom and of
 understanding,
 Spirit of counsel and of
 fortitude,
 Spirit of knowledge and
 of piety,
 Spirit of the fear of the
 Lord,

Have mercy on us.

Spirit of compunction,
 and of penance,
 Spirit of grace and of
 prayer,
 Spirit of charity, peace,
 and joy,
 Spirit of patience, long-
 nimity, and goodness,
 Spirit of benignity, mild-
 ness, and fidelity,
 Spirit of modesty, con-
 tinence, and chastity,
 Spirit of adoption of the
 sons of God,
 Holy Ghost, the Com-
 forter,
 Holy Ghost, the Sancti-
 fier,
 Who in the beginning
 didst move over the
 waters,
 By whose inspiration
 spake the holy men
 of God,
 Who didst overshadow
 Mary,
 Who didst co-operate in
 the miraculous con-
 ception of the Son of
 God,
 Who didst descend upon
 Him at his baptism,
 Who, on the day of Pen-
 tecost, didst appear in
 fiery tongues upon the
 disciples of the Lord,
 By whom we also are
 born again,
 Who dwellest in us,

Have mercy on us.

Who governest the
Church,
Who fillest the whole
world,
Have mercy on us
Holy Ghost, *We beseech*
thee, hear us.

That thou wouldst renew
the face of the earth,
That thou wouldst shed
abroad thy light in our
hearts,

That thou wouldst write
thy law in our hearts,
That thou wouldst in-
flame them with the
fire of thy love,

That thou wouldst open
to us the treasures of
thy grace,

That thou wouldst teach
us to ask for them ac-
cording to thy will,

That thou wouldst en-
lighten us with thy
heavenly inspirations,
That thou wouldst keep
us to thyself by thy
powerful attractions,

That thou wouldst grant
to us the knowledge
alone necessary,

That thou wouldst help
us to love and bear
with each other,

That thou wouldst lead
us in the way of thy
commandments,

That thou wouldst make

us obedient to thy in-
spirations,

That thou wouldst teach
us to pray, and thyself
pray within us,

That thou wouldst
clothe us with love
and compassion to-
wards our brethren,
That thou wouldst in-
spire us with a horror
of evil,

That thou wouldst di-
rect us in the prac-
tice of good,

That thou wouldst give
us the grace of all vir-
tues,

That thou wouldst cause
us to persevere in jus-
tice,

That thou wouldst be
thyself our everlasting
reward,

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Grant us thy Spirit.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Pour down thy Holy Spirit
upon us.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Give unto us the Spirit of
peace.

Holy Ghost, hear us.

We beseech thee, hear us.

We beseech thee, hear us.

Holy Ghost, graciously hear

us.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

V. Create in us a clean

heart O God.

R And renew a right

mind within us.

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful Father, that thy divine Spirit may enlighten, inflame, and cleanse our hearts; that he may penetrate us with his heavenly dew, and make us fruitful in good works. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Litany of the Incarnate Word.

[Abridged from the "Paradisus Animæ."]

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

God the Father of heav-

en,

God the Son, Redeemer

of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Word made flesh,

Word full of grace and

truth,

God, by whom all things

were made,

Lord God of Israel,

blessed for evermore,

Only-begotten Son of

God,

Saviour Christ, and

Lord,

Great God, Son of the

Most High,

God with us, Emman-

uel,

Only-begotten Son, who

art in the bosom of the

Father,

Well-beloved Son of

God, in whom the Fa-

ther is well pleased,

Wisdom set up from all

eternity,

Image of the invisible

God,

Whose Name is above

every name,

Who upholdest all

things by the word of

thy power,

Beginning of the creation

of God,

First-born of every crea-

ture.

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

First-born among many
brethren,
Heir of all things,
Flower of the field, and
Lily of the valleys,
Bud of justice,
Angel of the Lord,
Angel of the Testament,
Star arisen out of Jacob,
Lion of the tribe of Ju-
dah,
Rod of Jesse,
Son of David,
Son of man,
Jesus of Nazareth,
Meek and humble of
heart,
Good Shepherd, who
givest thy life for thy
sheep,
Shepherd and Bishop of
our souls,
Saint of saints,
Prince of pastors,
Great Prophet, mighty in
word and work,
Who wast sent to
preach the Gospel to
the poor,
The Lord our lawgiver,
Light of the world,
True Light, which en-
lightenest every man
that cometh into the
world,
Key of David,
Ark of the testament,
Living Stone, elect of
God,

Have mercy on us.

Stone that art become
the head of the corner,
Stone of foundation laid
in the midst of Sion,
Prince of the kings of
the earth,
Master and Lord,
King of kings and Lord
of lords,
Man of sorrows, ac-
quainted with infir-
mity,
Who hast truly borne
our infirmities,
By whose bruises we are
healed,
Lamb without blemish,
Lamb slain from the be-
ginning of the world,
Our Prince and Sav-
iour,
My Lord and my God,
Salvation of God sent to
the Gentiles,
The Propitiation for our
sins,
The Apostle and High
Priest of our confes-
sion,
The one Mediator be-
tween God and man,
Mediator of the New
Testament,
Author and Finisher of
faith,
First-begotten of the
dead,
The Resurrection and
the Life,

Have mercy on us.

The Pasch and nourishment
 of our souls,
 Who hast the keys of
 death and hell,
 Our Advocate with the
 Father,
 The Temple and the
 Lamp of the holy city,
 Hope of mortals,
 Tree of life,
 Light of life,
 Fountain of life,
 The Beginning and the
 End,
 Judge of the living and
 the dead,
 God blessed forever,
 Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,
Spare us, O Lord.
 Lamb of God, who takest

Have mercy on us.

away the sins of the
 world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
 Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,
Grant us thy peace
 Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
 Let us pray.

O God, who, by thy co-
 eternal Wisdom, didst make
 man when he was not, and
 mercifully restore him when
 he was lost; grant, we be-
 seech thee, that by the in-
 spiration of the same Wis-
 dom, we may both love thee
 with our whole soul, and
 fly to thee with our whole
 heart. Through the same Je-
 sus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Litany of the Infant Jesus.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
 Infant Jesus, hear us.
Infant Jesus, graciously
hear us.
 God the Father of heav-
 en,
 God the Son, Redeemer
 of the world.

Have, &c.

God the Holy Ghost,
 Holy Trinity, one God.
 Infant Jesus,
 Infant, very God,
 Infant, Son of the living
 God,
 Infant, Son of the Virgin
 Mary,
 Infant, begotten before
 the morning star,
 Infant, Word made flesh,
 Infant, Wisdom of the
 Father.

Have mercy on us.

Infant, Purity of thy
 Mother,
 Infant, only Son of thy
 Father,
 Infant, First-Born of thy
 Mother,
 Infant, Image of thy Fa-
 ther,
 Infant, Creator of thy
 Mother,
 Infant, Splendor of thy
 Father,
 Infant, Honor of thy
 Mother,
 Infant, equal to thy Fa-
 ther,
 Infant, subject to thy
 Mother,
 Infant, Joy of thy Fa-
 ther,
 Infant, Riches of thy
 Mother,
 Infant, Gift of thy Fa-
 ther,
 Infant, Offering of thy
 Mother,
 Infant, precious Fruit of
 a Virgin,
 Infant, Creator of man,
 Infant, Power of God,
 Infant, our God,
 Infant, our Brother,
 Infant, perfect Man from
 thy Conception,
 Infant, ancient in wis-
 dom from thy Child-
 hood,
 Infant, Father of ages,
 Infant of days,

Have mercy on us.

Infant, giving life, and
 nourished at the
 breast,
 Infant, Eternal Word,
 and making thyself
 dumb,
 Infant, weeping in the
 crib,
 Infant, thundering in the
 heavens,
 Infant, Terror of hel-
 l,
 Infant, Joy of Para-
 dise,
 Infant, dreaded by ty-
 rants,
 Infant, desired by the
 Magi,
 Infant, exiled from thy
 people,
 Infant, King in exile,
 Infant, Destroyer of
 idols,
 Infant, Vindicator of the
 glory of God,
 Infant, strong in weak-
 ness,
 Infant, powerful in abase-
 ment,
 Infant, Treasure of grace.
 Infant, Fountain of
 love,
 Infant, Author of the
 blessings of heaven,
 Infant, Repairer of the
 evils of earth,
 Infant, Head of the An-
 gels,
 Infant, Stem of the Pa-
 triarchs,

Have mercy on us.

Infant, Word of the Pro-
 phets,
 Infant, Expectation of
 nations,
 Infant, Joy of the shep-
 herds,
 Infant, Light of the Magi,
 Infant, Salvation of chil-
 dren,
 Infant, Hope of the just,
 Infant, Teacher of Doc-
 tors,
 Infant, First-fruits of the
 Saints,
 Be merciful.
*Spare us, O Infant Je-
 sus.*
 Be merciful.
*Graciously hear us, O
 Infant Jesus.*
 From the bondage of the
 children of Adam,
 From the slavery of the
 devil,
 From the corruption of
 the world,
 From the lust of the
 flesh,
 From the pride of life,
 From an immoderate de-
 sire of knowledge,
 From blindness of mind,
 From perversity of will,
 From our sins,
 Through thy most pure
 Conception,
 Through thy most hum-
 ble Birth,
 Through thy Tears,

Have mercy on us.

Infant Jesus, deliver us.

Through thy most pain-
 ful Circumcision,
 Through thy most glori-
 ous Epiphany,
 Through thy most de-
 vout Presentation,
 Through thy most inno-
 cent Conversation in
 the world,
 Through thy most holy
 Life,
 Through thy Poverty,
 Through thy Sorrows,
 Through thy Labors and
 Travails,
 Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,
Spare us, O Infant Jesus.
 Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,
*Graciously hear us, O Infant
 Jesus.*
 Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,
*Have mercy on us, O Infant
 Jesus.*
 Infant Jesus, hear us.
*Infant Jesus, graciously
 hear us.*

Infant Jesus, deliver us.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus, who didst
 vouchsafe so to annihilate
 the greatness of thy Incar-
 nate Divinity and most Sa-
 cred Humanity, as to be

born in time, and become a little child; grant that we may acknowledge Infinite Wisdom in the silence of a child, Power in weakness, Majesty in abasement; so that, adoring thy humilia-

tions on earth, we may contemplate thy glories in heaven. Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Litany of the Life of Jesus Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Jesus, sent into the world by the Father,

Jesus, conceived by the Holy Ghost,

Jesus who didst put on the form of a servant,

Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary,

Jesus, adored by thy Mother,

Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes,

Jesus, cradled in a manger,

Jesus, nourished at a virgin's breast,

Jesus, manifesting thyself to shepherds,

Jesus, submitting to the law of circumcision,

Jesus, adored by the Magi,

Jesus, presented in the Temple,

Jesus, received into the arms of the just Simon,

Jesus, exiled into Egypt,

Jesus, persecuted by Herod,

Jesus, brought up at Nazareth,

Jesus, found in the Temple in the midst of the Doctors,

Jesus, subject to thy Parents,

Jesus, baptized by John,

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, tempted in the
 desert,
 Jesus, choosing for thy
 disciples the poor and
 ignorant,
 Jesus, assisting the af-
 flicted,
 Jesus, transfigured on
 the mountain,
 Jesus, weeping over
 Jerusalem,
 Jesus, entering Jerusa-
 lem as King of peace,
 Jesus, driving the buyers
 and sellers from the
 Temple,
 Jesus, washing thy dis-
 ciples' feet,
 Jesus, eating the Pasch
 with thy disciples,
 Jesus, giving thy Body
 for food, and thy
 Blood for drink,
 Jesus, praying in the
 Garden of Olives,*
 Jesus, betrayed by Ju-
 das,
 Jesus, hated and despite-
 fully treated,
 Jesus, scourged and
 crowned with thorns,
 Jesus, going up to Cal-
 vary,
 Jesus, crucified between
 two thieves,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, made the scorn of
 men,
 Jesus, dying upon the
 cross,
 Jesus, after thy death,
 going down into hell,
 Jesus, rising again for
 our justification,
 Jesus, ascending into
 heaven,
 Jesus, sitting down at
 the right hand of the
 Father,
 Jesus, crowned with
 glory and honor,
 Jesus, sending down on
 thy disciples the Holy
 Ghost, the Paraclete,
 Jesus, preparing for the
 just an eternal king-
 dom,
 Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,
Spare us, O Lord Jesus.
 Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,
*Graciously hear us, O Lord
 Jesus.*
 Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,
*Have mercy on us, O Lord
 Jesus.*

Have mercy on us.

* This Litany may be connected with the following, by passing from this asterisk to that in the next page. Taken thus together, they form one continuous Litany.

Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

Let us pray.

O God, who willest not
 the death, but the conver-
 sion of sinners; look favor-
 ably on thy people, who,
 honoring the humiliations

and the glories of thy ho'y
 life, fly to thy refuge with
 a contrite heart; and in thy
 merciful kindness turn from
 us war, famine, pestilence
 and all the other scourges
 of thine anger. Who liv-
 est and reignest forever
 and ever. Amen.

Stanza of the Passion.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercv
Christ, have mercv
 Lord, have merc;
Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear
us.
 God the Father of heav-
 en,
 God the Son, Redeemer
 of the world,
 God the Holy Ghost,
 Holy Trinity, one God,
 Jesus, the Eternal Wis-
 dom,
 Jesus, conversing with
 men,
 Jesus, hated by the
 world,
 Jesus, sold for thirty
 pieces of silver

Have mercy on us.

*Jesus, prostrate on the
 ground in prayer,
 Jesus, strengthened by
 an angel,
 Jesus, in thine agony,
 bathed in a bloody
 sweat,
 Jesus, betrayed by Judas
 with a kiss,
 Jesus, bound by the sol-
 diers,
 Jesus, forsaken by thy
 disciples,
 Jesus, brought before
 Annas and Caiaphas,
 Jesus, struck by a ser-
 vant on the face,
 Jesus, accused by false
 witnesses,
 Jesus, declared worthy
 of death,
 Jesus, spit upon in the
 face,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, blindfolded,
 Jesus, smitten on the
 cheek,
 Jesus, thrice denied by
 Peter,
 Jesus, delivered up to
 Pilate,
 Jesus, despised and
 mocked by Herod,
 Jesus, clothed in a white
 garment,
 Jesus, rejected for Barab-
 bas,
 Jesus, torn with scour-
 ges,
 Jesus, bruised for our
 sins,
 Jesus, esteemed as a lep-
 er,
 Jesus, covered with a
 purple robe,
 Jesus, crowned with
 thorns,
 Jesus, struck with a reed
 upon the head,
 Jesus, demanded for cru-
 cifixion by the Jews,
 Jesus, condemned to an
 ignominious death,
 Jesus, given up to the
 will of thine ene-
 mies,
 Jesus, loaded with the
 heavy weight of the
 cross,
 Jesus, led like a sheep
 to the slaughter,
 Jesus, stripped of thy
 garments,

Jesus, fastened with nails
 to the cross,
 Jesus, wounded for our
 iniquities,
 Jesus, praying to thy Fa-
 ther for thy murder-
 ers,
 Jesus, reputed with the
 wicked,
 Jesus, blasphemed and
 scoffed at on the
 cross,
 Jesus, reviled by the
 malefactor,
 Jesus, promising Para-
 dise to the penitent
 thief,
 Jesus, commending St.
 John to thy Mother as
 her son,
 Jesus, declaring thyself
 forsaken by thy Fa-
 ther,
 Jesus, in thy thirst given
 gall and vinegar to
 drink,
 Jesus, testifying that all
 things written con-
 cerning thee were ac-
 complished,
 Jesus, commending thy
 spirit into the hands
 of thy Father,
 Jesus, obedient even to
 the death of the cross,
 Jesus, pierced with a
 lance,
 Jesus, made a propitia-
 tion for us,

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, taken down from
 the cross,
 Jesus, laid in the sepul-
 chre,
 Jesus, rising gloriously
 from the dead,
 Jesus, ascending into
 heaven,
 Jesus, our Advocate with
 the Father,
 Jesus, sending down on
 thy disciples the Holy
 Ghost, the Paraclete,
 Jesus, exalting thy Mo-
 ther above the choirs
 of Angels,
 Jesus, who shalt come
 to judge the living and
 the dead,
 Be merciful.
Spare us, O Lord.
 Be merciful.
Graciously hear us, O
Lord.
 From all evil,
 From all sin,
 From anger, hatred, and
 every evil will,
 From war, famine, and
 pestilence,
 From all dangers of
 mind and body,
 From everlasting death,
 Through thy most pure
 Conception,
 Through thy miraculous
 Nativity,
 Through thy humble
 Circumcision.

Have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, deliver us.

Through thy Baptism
 and holy Fasting,
 Through thy Labors and
 Watchings,
 Through thy cruel
 Scourging and Crown-
 ing,
 Through thy Thirst, and
 Tears, and Nakedness,
 Through thy precious
 Death and Cross,
 Through thy glorious
 Resurrection and As-
 cension,
 Through thy sending
 forth the Holy Ghost,
 the Paraclete,
 In the day of Judgment,
 We sinners,
Beseech thee, hear us.
 That thou wouldst spare
 us,
 That thou wouldst par-
 don us,
 That thou wouldst
 vouchsafe to bring us
 to true penance,
 That thou wouldst
 vouchsafe mercifully
 to pour into our hearts
 the grace of the Holy
 Spirit,
 That thou wouldst
 vouchsafe to defend
 and propagate thy holy
 Church,
 That thou wouldst
 vouchsafe to preserve
 and increase all socie-

Lord Jesus, deliver us.

We beseech thee, hear us.

ties assembled in thy
 Holy Name,
 That thou wouldst
 vouchsafe to bestow
 upon us true peace,
 humility, and charity,
 That thou wouldst
 vouchsafe to give us
 perseverance in grace
 and in thy holy ser-
 vice,
 That thou wouldst
 vouchsafe to deliver
 us from unclean
 thoughts, the tempta-
 tions of the devil, and
 everlasting damnation,
 That thou wouldst
 vouchsafe to unite us
 to the company of thy
 Saints,
 That thou wouldst
 vouchsafe graciously
 to hear us,
 Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,
Spare us, O Lord.
 Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
 Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,
Have mercy on us.
 Christ, hear us.
 Christ, graciously hear us.
 Lord, have mercy.

We beseech thee, hear us

Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.

V. We adore thee, O
 Christ, and we bless thee

R. Because through thee,
 holy Cross thou hast re-
 deemed the world.

Let us pray.

O God, who for the re-
 demption of the world wast
 pleased to be born, to be
 circumcised, to be rejected
 by the Jews, to be betrayed
 by the traitor Judas with a
 kiss, to be bound with
 thongs, to be led as an
 innocent lamb to the
 slaughter, and to be shame-
 fully presented to the gaze
 of Annas, Caiaphas, Pilate,
 and Herod; to be accused
 by false witnesses, to be
 insulted with scourgings
 and revilings, to be spit
 upon and crowned with
 thorns, to be buffeted upon
 the face, and struck with
 a reed, to be blindfolded, to
 be stripped of thy clothes,
 to be fastened with nails to
 the cross, to be hoisted up
 thereon, to be reckoned
 among thieves, to have gall
 and vinegar given thee to
 drink, and to be pierced
 with a lance; through these
 thy most holy sufferings,
 which we, thy unworthy

servants, devoutly call to mind, and by thy holy Cross and by thy Death, deliver us (*or this thy servant N, in his agony*) from the pains of hell, and vouchsafe to conduct us whither thou didst conduct the chief who was crucified with thee. Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, God, world without end. Amen.

Litany of the Holy Cross.

Lord, have mercy.	Guide of the blind,	
Lord, have mercy.	Way of those who have	
Christ, have mercy.	gone astray,	
Christ, have mercy.	Staff of the lame,	
Lord, have mercy.	Consolation of the poor	
Lord, have mercy.	Restraint of the powerful,	
Christ, hear us.	Destruction of the proud,	
Christ, graciously hear us.	Refuge of sinners,	
God the Father of heaven,	Trophy of victory over hell,	
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	Terror of demons,	
God the Holy Ghost,	Mistress of youth,	
Holy Trinity, one God,	Succor of the distressed,	
Holy Cross, whereon the Lamb of God was offered for the sins of the world,	Hope of the hopeless,	
Deliver and save us.	Star of the mariner,	
Hope of Christians,	Harbor of the wrecked,	
Pledge of the resurrection from the dead,	Rampart of the besieged,	
Shelter of persecuted innocence,	Father of orphans,	
	Defence of widows,	
	Counsel of the just,	
	Judge of the wicked,	
	Rest of the afflicted,	
	Safeguard of childhood,	
	Strength of mankind,	

Best us, O Holy Cross

Last hope of the aged,
Light of those who sit in
darkness,

Splendor of kings,
Civilizer of the world.
Buckler impenetrable,
Wisdom of the foolish,
Liberty of slaves,

Knowledge of the ignorant,

Sure rule of life,
Heralded by prophets,
Preached by apostles,
Glory of martyrs,
Study of anchorites,
Chastity of virgins,
Joy of priests,

Foundation of the
Church,

Salvation of the world,
Destruction of idolatry,
Stumbling-block of the
Jews,

Condemnation of the un-
godly,

Support of the weak,
Medicine of the sick,
Health of the leprous,
Strength of the paralyt-
ic,

Food of the hungry,
Fortrain of those that
thirst,

Clothing of the naked,
Lamb of God, who wast
offered on the cross for
the sins of the world.

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who wast
offered on the cross for
the sins of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who wast
offered on the cross for
the sins of the world.

Have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

V. We adore thee, O
Christ, and we bless thee.

R. Because through thy
holy Cross thou hast re-
deemed the world.

Let us pray.

O God, who, for the re-
demption of the world, wast
pleased to be born in a sta-
ble, and to die upon a cross;
O Lord Jesus Christ, by thy
holy Sufferings, which we,
thy unworthy servants, de-
voutly call to mind, by thy
holy Cross, and by thy
Death, deliver us from the
pains of hell, and vouch-
safe to conduct us whither
thou didst conduct the thief
who was crucified with
thee. Who livest and
reignest eternally in heav-
en. Amen.

Save us, O Holy Cross.

Altarp of the Resurrection.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
 God the Father of heav-
 en,
 God the Son, Redeemer
 of the world,
 God the Holy Ghost,
 Holy Trinity, one God,
 Jesus, Redeemer of man-
 kind,
 Jesus, who hast cleansed
 us by thy blood,
 Jesus, Conqueror of sin
 and death,
 Jesus, the Holy One and
 the Just,
 Jesus, the First-Born
 from the dead,
 Jesus, the Second Adam,
 Jesus, the Resurrection
 and the Life,
 Jesus, the Author of
 Life,
 Jesus, the Author of our
 salvation,
 Jesus, the God of Abra-
 ham, and of Isaac, and
 of Jacob,
 Jesus, who by death
 didst destroy him who

Have mercy on us.

had the empire of
 death,
 Jesus, who didst bring
 life and immortality to
 light,
 Jesus, who didst lay
 down thy life for thy
 sheep,
 Jesus, who hadst power
 to lay it down, and
 hadst power to take it
 up again,
 Jesus, who, after three
 days, didst rise again
 from the dead,
 Jesus, who didst rise
 very early in the morn-
 ing on the first day of
 the week,
 Jesus, who didst hasten
 to visit thy blessed
 Mother in her soli-
 tude,
 Jesus, who didst appear
 to Mary Magdalen
 while it was yet dark,
 Jesus, who didst gra-
 ciously console her in
 her affliction,
 Jesus, who didst send
 thy angels to an-
 nounce to the women
 that thou wast risen
 as thou hadst said,
 Jesus, who didst suffer
 thyself to be seen of

Have mercy on us.

the women, and to be
 adored by them,
Jesus, who didst appear
 to Peter, the chief of
 the apostles,
Jesus, who didst appear,
 in another shape, to
 the two disciples go-
 ing to Emmaus,
Jesus, who didst make
 thyself known unto
 them in the breaking
 of bread,
Jesus, who didst appear
 to the eleven, saying,
 Peace be unto you,
Jesus, who didst breathe
 upon them, and give
 unto them the Holy
 Ghost,
Jesus, who didst confirm
 the faith of Thomas,
 by showing unto him
 thy hands and thy feet.
Jesus, who didst show
 thyself again to thy
 disciples, at the sea of
 Tiberias,
Jesus, who didst com-
 mission Peter to feed
 thy lambs and thy
 sheep,
Jesus, who didst con-
 verse with thy disci-
 ples, upon the mount-
 ain of Galilee,
Jesus, who wast seen by
 more than five hundred
 brethren at once,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, who wast seen by
 James,
Jesus, who didst go in
 and out among thy
 apostles, speaking to
 them of the kingdom
 of God, and eating
 with them,
Jesus, who didst lead
 them out as far as
 Bethany, and, while
 they looked on, wast
 carried up to heaven,
Jesus, who shalt come
 again with great power
 and glory, to judge the
 living and the dead,
Jesus, Son of God,
 We sinners,
Beseech thee, hear us.
 That we may put off the
 old man with his acts,
 That we may put on the
 new man, who is crea-
 ted in justice and ho-
 liness of truth,
 That we may walk in
 newness of life,
 That we may grow in
 grace, and in the
 knowledge of thee,
 That we may persevere
 unto the end,
 That, having risen with
 thee, we may die no
 more,
 That we may attain unto
 the resurrection of the
 just,

Have mercy on us.

We beseech thee, hear us.

That thou wouldst
vouchsafe to feed us
continually with the
bread of life,

That thou wouldst re-
form the body of our
lowliness, and make it
like unto the body of
thy glory,

That we may have con-
fidence before thee at
thy coming,

That we may behold thy
face with joy,

That we may be placed
on thy right hand in
the judgment,

That we may hear those
words of joy: Come,
ye blessed of my Fa-
ther, possess ye the
kingdom prepared for
you from the founda-
tion of the world,

That thou wouldst give
us part in thy heavenly
glory,

That thou wouldst give
rest and peace to the
faithful departed,

That with them we may
obtain everlasting life,

That we may be with
thee always, forever
and ever,

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

V. Christ is risen. Alle-
luia.

R. He is risen indeed,
and hath appeared unto
Simon. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who, by thine
only-begotten Son, hast
(this day) opened the pas-
sage to eternity, through
his victory over death;
vouchsafe, we beseech thee,
so to confirm us by thy
grace, that we may walk in
all our ways like those who
have been redeemed from
sin. Through the same
Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

Litany of Jesus Glorified.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
 God the Father of heav-
 en,
 God the Son, Redeemer
 of the world,
 God the Holy Ghost,
 Holy Trinity, one God,
 Jesus, King of Glory,
 Jesus, Lord and Christ,
 Jesus, Prince and Sav-
 iour,
 Jesus, blessed and only
 mighty,
 Jesus, who only hast im-
 mortality,
 Jesus, who didst ascend
 into heaven,
 Jesus, who didst ascend
 above the stars into
 the heaven of heavens,
 Jesus, who didst ascend
 to thy Father and our
 Father, to thy God and
 our God,
 Jesus, who ledst captiv-
 ity captive,
 Jesus, who despoiledst
 principalities and pow-

ers, triumphing over
 them,
 Jesus, who art exalted
 by the right hand of
 God,
 Jesus, who art exalted
 far above all principal-
 ity and power,
 Jesus, to whom all pow-
 er is given in heaven
 and earth,
 Jesus, who art seated at
 the right hand of the
 Father,
 Jesus, who art crowned
 with glory and honor,
 Jesus, who art glorified
 with the glory which
 thou hadst with the
 Father before the
 world was,
 Jesus, who art glorified,
 in thy Sacred Human-
 ity, at the right hand
 of the Majesty on
 high,
 Jesus, who must reign
 till thou hast put all
 things under thy feet,
 Jesus, whose throne is
 forever and ever,
 Jesus, who art adored
 by all the Angels of
 God,
 Jesus, who art anointed

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

with the oil of glad-
ness above thy fel-
lows,

Jesus, who art the hap-
piness of the Blessed,
Jesus, in whose presence
is life,

Jesus, who hast opened
the kingdom of heav-
en to all believers,

Jesus, who hast entered
into heaven itself for
us,

Jesus, the Mediator of
the New Testament,

Jesus, our High Priest for-
ever, according to the
order of Melchisedech,

Jesus, who always livest
to make intercession
for us,

Jesus, who art able to
save forever those that
come unto God by
thee,

Jesus, Head over all the
Church,

Jesus, who didst send
down the Holy Ghost
on thy disciples,

Jesus, who didst promise
that whatsoever we
asked in thy name
thou wouldst do it,

Jesus, who art gone up
into heaven, and yet
art present with us in
the Sacrament of the
Altar,

Jesus, who didst assume
thy blessed Mother
with glory into heav-
en,

Jesus, who didst crown
her with the brightest
diadem of glory,

Jesus, who art gone to
prepare a place for us,

Jesus, who shalt come
again in like manner
as thou wentest away,

Jesus, who didst promise
new heavens and a
new earth, wherein
dwelleth justice,

Jesus, who livest for-
ever,

Jesus, Son of God,

We sinners,

Beseech thee, hear us.

That we may seek the
things that are above,
and not the things
that are upon earth,

That thou wouldst
cleanse our con-
sciences from dead
works to serve the
living God,

That we may live the
rest of our time in the
flesh, not after the de-
sires of men, but ac-
cording to the will of
God,

That thou wouldst dwell
in our hearts by faith.

That thou wouldst come

Be merry on us.

We beseech thee, hear us.

unto us, and make thy
 abode with us,
 That we may hold fast
 the confession of our
 hope without waver-
 ing,
 That thou wouldst pour
 down thy benedictions
 upon thy Church,
 That thou wouldst order
 all things for the good
 of them that love thee,
 That thou wouldst draw
 all men unto thee,
 That thou wouldst fill
 our hearts with love
 and devotion to thy
 most holy Mother,
 That thou wouldst give
 us confidence in the
 prayers of all thy
 Saints,
 That thou wouldst come
 again and take us to
 thyself, that where
 thou art, we may be
 also,
 That, when thou shalt
 appear, we may re-
 ceive a never-fading
 crown of glory,
 That we may behold thy
 glory,
 That in thy light we may
 see light,
 That thou wouldst have
 mercy on the souls of
 the faithful departed,
 That thou wouldst let

the light of thy coun-
 tenance shine upon
 them.
 That thou wouldst admit
 them to the joy of the
 beatific vision,
 That thou wouldst ha-
 sten the day of thy ap-
 pearing,
 That thou wouldst hear
 us from thy holy place,
 Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,
Spare us, O Lord.
 Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
 Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,
Have mercy on us.
 Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
 V. God is ascended with
 jubilee. Alleluia.
 R. And the Lord with
 the sound of the trumpet.
 Alleluia.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee
 Almighty God, that we who
 believe that thine only-be-
 gotten Son hath ascended
 (this day) into heaven, may
 ourselves also in heart and

We beseech thee, hear us.

We beseech thee, hear us.

mind thither ascend, and Through the same Lord,
 dwell in heavenly places. &c.

Litany of the Blessed Sacrament.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of heav-
 en,
Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer
 of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Living Bread, that cam-
 est down from heaven,
Hidden God and Sav-
 iour,
Corn of the elect,
Wine, whose fruit are
 virgins,
Bread of fatness, and
 royal Dainties,
Perpetual Sacrifice,
Clean Oblation,
Lamb without spot,
Most pure Feast,
Food of Angels,
Hidden Manna,
Memorial of the wonders
 of God,

Have mercy on us.

Super-substantial Bread,
 Word made flesh, dwell-
 ing in us,
 Sacred Host,
 Chalice of benediction,
 Mystery of faith,
 Most high and adorable
 Sacrament,
 Most holy of all sacri-
 fices,
 True Propitiation for the
 living and the dead,
 Heavenly Antidote a-
 gainst the poison of
 sin,
 Most wonderful of all
 miracles,
 Most holy Commemora-
 tion of the Passion of
 Christ,
 Gift transcending all ful-
 ness,
 Special Memorial of di-
 vine love,
 Affluence of divine boun-
 ty,
 Most august and holy
 Mystery,
 Medicine of immortality,
 Tremendous and life-
 giving Sacrament,
 Bread made flesh by the

Have mercy on us.

Omnipotence of the
 Word,
 Unbloody Sacrifice,
 Our Feast at once and
 our Fellow-guest,
 Sweetest Banquet, at
 which Angels minis-
 ter,
 Sacrament of piety,
 Bond of charity,
 Priest and Victim,
 Spiritual Sweetness tast-
 ed in its proper source,
 Refreshment of holy
 souls,
 Viaticum of such as die
 in the Lord,
 Pledge of future glory,
 Be merciful.
Spare us, O Lord.
 Be merciful.
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
 From an unworthy recep-
 tion of thy Body and
 Blood,
O Lord, deliver us.
 From the lust of the
 flesh,
 From the lust of the
 eyes.
 From the pride of life,
 From every occasion of
 sin,
 Through the desire,
 wherewith thou didst
 desire to eat this Pass-
 over with thy disciples,
 Through that profound
 humility, wherewith

Have mercy on us.

O Lord, deliver us.

thou didst wash their
 feet,
 Through that ardent
 charity, whereby thou
 didst institute this di-
 vine Sacrament,
 Through thy precious
 Blood, which thou
 hast left us on ur
 altars,
 Through the Five
 Wounds of this thy
 most holy Body, which
 thou didst receive for
 us,
 We sinners,
Beseech thee, hear us.
 That thou wouldst
 vouchsafe to preserve
 and increase our faith
 reverence, and devo-
 tion towards this ad-
 mirable Sacrament,
 That thou wouldst
 vouchsafe to conduct
 us, through a true con-
 fession of our sins, to
 a frequent reception
 of the holy Eucharist,
 That thou wouldst
 vouchsafe to deliver
 us from all heresy, per-
 fidy, and blindness of
 heart,
 That thou wouldst
 vouchsafe to impart to
 us the precious and
 heavenly fruits of this
 most holy Sacrament,

O Lord, deliver us.

We beseech thee, hear us.

That at the hour of death
thou wouldst strengthen
and defend us by
this heavenly Viaticum,

We beseech, etc.

Son of God,
Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

V. Thou didst give them
Bread from heaven. [Alleluia.]

R. Containing in itself
all sweetness. [Alleluia.]

Let us pray.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left
us a memorial of thy Passion;
grant, we beseech thee, that we may so worthily
reverence the sacred mysteries of thy Body and
Blood, that we may continually find in our souls
the fruit of thy redemption.
Who livest and reignest,
God, forever and ever.
Amen.

Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer
of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity one God,

Have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus,

Heart of Jesus, hypothetically
united with the Word of God,

Heart of Jesus, Sanctuary
of the Divinity,

Heart of Jesus, Temple
of the Holy Trinity,

Heart of Jesus, Abyss
of wisdom,

Heart of Jesus, Ocean of
goodness,

Heart of Jesus, Throne
of mercy.

Have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, Treasure
inexhaustible,

Heart of Jesus, of whose
fulness we have all
received

Heart of Jesus, our
Peace and our Atone-
ment

Heart of Jesus, Model
of all virtues,

Heart of Jesus, infinitely
loving, and infinitely
worthy of love,

Heart of Jesus, Fountain
of water springing up
into everlasting life,

Heart of Jesus, in which
the Father is well
pleased,

Heart of Jesus, the Pro-
pitiation for our sins,

Heart of Jesus, filled
with bitterness for our
sakes,

Heart of Jesus, sorrow-
ful in the Garden even
unto death,

Heart of Jesus, saturated
with revilings,

Heart of Jesus, wounded
with love,

Heart of Jesus, pierced
with a lance.

Heart of Jesus, exhaust-
ed of thy blood upon
the Cross,

Heart of Jesus, bruised
for our sins,

Heart of Jesus, still out-

raged by ungrateful
men in the most holy
Sacrament of love,

Heart of Jesus, Refuge
of sinners,

Heart of Jesus, Strength
of the weak,

Heart of Jesus, Comfort
of the afflicted,

Heart of Jesus, Persever-
ance of the just,

Heart of Jesus, Salva-
tion of them that hope
in thee,

Heart of Jesus, Hope of
them that die in thee,

Heart of Jesus, sweet
Support of those who
worship thee,

Heart of Jesus, our Help-
er in our many and
great tribulations,

Heart of Jesus, delight
of all the Saints,

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

*Graciously hear us, O
Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us

V. Jesus, who art meek
and humble of heart.

R. Make our heart like
unto thy Heart.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee,
Almighty God, that, as in
worshipping the most sa-

cred Heart of thy well-be-
loved Son, we call to mind
the special benefits which
his love hath bestowed upon
us, so we may ever enjoy
the fruits which flow there-
from. Through the same
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Litany of the Sacred Heart of Mary.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heav-
en,

God the Son, Redeemer *Have, &c.*
of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God.

Heart of Mary,

Heart of Mary, according

to the Heart of God,

Heart of Mary, united *Pray for us.*
to the Heart of Jesus,

Heart of Mary, organ of

the Holy Ghost,

Heart of Mary, sanctuary

of the Divine Trin-

ity,

Heart of Mary, taber-
nacle of God incar-
nate,

Heart of Mary, immacu-

late from thy creation,

Heart of Mary, full of

grace,

Heart of Mary, blessed

among all hearts,

Heart of Mary, throne of

glory,

Heart of Mary, abyss of

humility,

Heart of Mary, holocaust

of divine love,

Heart of Mary, fastened

to the cross with Je-

sus crucified,

Heart of Mary, comfort

of the afflicted,

Heart of Mary, refuge of

sinners,

Heart of Mary, hope of

the agonizing,

Heart of Mary, seat of mercy, cording to the Heart of Jesus.

Pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

V. Immaculate Mary, meek and humble of heart.

R. Make our heart ac-

Let us pray.

O most merciful God, who, for the salvation of sinners and the refuge of the miserable, wast pleased that the immaculate Heart of the blessed Virgin Mary should be most like in charity and pity to the Divine Heart of thy Son Jesus Christ; grant that we, who commemorate this most sweet and loving Heart, may by the merits and intercession of the same blessed Virgin, merit to be found according to the Heart of Jesus Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Litany of the Immaculate Conception.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father, Source of all sanctity,

Have mercy on us.

God the Son, increated Sanctity,

God the Holy Ghost, Spirit of Sanctity,

Most sacred Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary, immaculate,

Virgin of virgins, immaculate,

Holy Virgin, by predestination immaculate,

Have. It:

Pray for us

Holy Virgin, in thy conception immaculate,
 Holy Virgin, after thy conception immaculate,

Daughter of the Father, immaculate,

Father of the Son immaculate,

Spouse of the Holy Ghost, immaculate,

Seat of the most Holy Trinity, immaculate,

Image of the Wisdom of God, immaculate,

Dawn of the Sun of Justice, immaculate,

Living ark of the body of Christ, immaculate,

Daughter of David, immaculate,

Guide to Jesus, immaculate,

Virgin, triumphing over original sin, immaculate,

Virgin, crushing the head of the serpent, immaculate,

Queen of heaven and earth, immaculate,

Gate of the heavenly Jerusalem, immaculate

Dispenser of graces, immaculate,

Spouse of St. Joseph, immaculate,

Star of the world, immaculate,
 Impregnable tower of the Church militant, immaculate

Rose amid thorns, immaculate,

Olive of the fields, immaculate,

Model of all perfection, immaculate,

Cause of our hope, immaculate,

Pillar of our faith, immaculate,

Source of divine love, immaculate,

Sure sign of our salvation, immaculate,

Rule of perfect obedience, immaculate,

Pattern of holy poverty, immaculate,

School of devotion, immaculate,

Abode of chaste modesty, immaculate,

Anchor of our salvation, immaculate,

Light of Angels, immaculate,

Crown of Patriarchs, immaculate,

Glory of Prophets, immaculate,

Lady and Mistress of Apostles, immaculate,

Support of Martyrs, immaculate,

Pray for us

Pray for us

Strength of Confessors,
 immaculate,
 Diadem of Virgins, im-
 maculate,
 Splendor of all Saints,
 immaculate,
 Sanctity of all Christians,
 immaculate,
 Companion of devout
 souls, immaculate,
 Joy of those who hope
 in thee, immaculate,
 Health of the sick, im-
 maculate,
 Advocate of sinners, im-
 maculate,
 Terror of heretics, im-
 maculate,
 Protectress of all man-
 kind, immaculate,
 Patroness of those who
 honor thee, immacu-
 late,
 Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,
Spare us, O Lord.
 Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,
variously hear us, O Lord.

Pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,

Have mercy on us.

V. In thy conception, O
 Virgin Mary, thou wast im-
 maculate.

R. Pray for us to the
 Father, whose Son Jesus,
 conceived of the Holy
 Ghost, thou didst bring
 forth.*

Let us pray.

O Almighty and Eternal
 God, who didst prepare for
 thy Son a worthy habita-
 tion, by the immaculate con-
 ception of the blessed Vir-
 gin Mary; we beseech thee,
 that, as thou didst preserve
 her from every stain of sin,
 through the merits of the
 pre-ordained atonement of
 Jesus Christ, so thou
 wouldst grant that we also
 may come without spot to
 thee. Through the same
 Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

Litany of the Holy Name of Mary.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

* Pope Pius VI. granted an indulgence of one hundred days, to be
 gained each time the above versicle is recited with devotion and contrition

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Son of Mary, hear us.

*Son of Mary, graciously
hear us.*

Heavenly Father, of
whom Mary is the
Daughter,

Eternal Word, of whom
Mary is the Mother,

Holy Spirit, of whom
Mary is the Spouse,

Divine Trinity, of whom
Mary is the Hand-
maid,

Mary, Mother of the liv-
ing God,

Mary, Daughter of the
Light Eternal,

Mary, our light,

Mary, our sister,

Mary, flower of Jesse,

Mary, issue of kings,

Mary, chief work of
God,

Mary, the beloved of
God,

Mary, immaculate virgin,

Mary, all fair,

Mary light in darkness.

Mary, our sure rest,

Mary, house of God,

Mary, sanctuary of the
Lord,

Mary, altar of the Di-
vinity,

Mary, Virgin Mother,

Mary, embracing thy In-
fant God,

Mary, reposing with
Eternal Wisdom,

Mary, ocean of bitter-
ness,

Mary, suffering with thy
only Son,

Mary, pierced with a
sword of sorrow,

Mary, torn with a cruel
wound,

Mary, sorrowful even
to death,

Mary, bereft of all con-
solation,

Mary, submissive to the
law of God,

Mary, standing by the
cross of Jesus,

Mary, our lady,

Mary, our queen,

Mary, queen of glory,

Mary, glory of the
Church triumphant,

Mary, blessed queen,

Mary, advocate of the
Church militant,

Mary, queen of mercy,

Mary, consoler of the
Church suffering,

Mary, exalted above the
Angels,

Mary, crowned with
twelve stars,

Mary, fair as the moon,

Mary, bright as the sun,

Mary, distinguished a-
bove all,

Mary, seated at the right
hand of Jesus,

Have mercy, do.

Pray for us.

Pray for us

Mary our hope,
 Mary, our sweetness,
 Mary, glory of Jerusalem,
 Mary, joy of Israel,
 Mary, honor of our people

Mary, our Lady of the
 Immaculate Conception,

Mary, our Lady of the
 Assumption,

Mary, our Lady of Dolors,

Mary, our Lady of Mercy,

Mary, our Lady, Star of
 the sea,

Mary, our Lady of the
 Rosary,

Mary, our Lady of Victory,

Mary, our Lady of La
 Trappe,

Mary, our Lady of Mount
 Carmel,

Lamb of God, who didst
 rejoice Mary,

Spare us, O Lord Jesus.

Lamb of God, who didst
 afflict Mary,

*Graciously hear us, O Lord
 Jesus.*

Lamb of God, who didst
 glorify Mary,

*Have mercy on us, O Lord
 Jesus.*

Son of Mary, hear us

*Son of Mary, graciously
 hear us.*

V. I will declare thy
 name unto my brethren.

R. I will praise thee in
 the assembly of the faithful.

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who
 beholdest thy servants earnestly desirous to place themselves under the shadow of the name and protection of the most holy Virgin Mary vouchsafe, we beseech thee that, by her charitable intercession, we may be delivered from all evil on earth, and may arrive at everlasting joys in heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

Pray for us

Litany of the Life of the Blessed Virgin.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us
Christ, graciously hear us.
 God the Father of heav-
 en,
 God the Son, Redeemer
 of the world,
 God the Holy Ghost,
 Holy Trinity, one God,
 Holy Mary,
 Holy Virgin, sprung from
 the race of David,
 Holy Virgin, espoused to
 the just Joseph,
 Holy Virgin, bound by
 an inviolable vow of
 chastity,
 Holy Virgin, gloriously
 saluted by the An-
 gel,
 Holy Virgin, full of
 grace,
 Holy Virgin, blessed
 among all women,
 Holy Virgin, conceiving
 by the operation of the
 Holy Ghost,
 Holy Virgin, bearing in
 thy womb the Man-
 God,
 Holy Virgin Mother of
 the Lord,
 Holy Virgin, Mother of
 the true Solomon,
 Holy Virgin, visiting thy
 cousin Elizabeth,
 Holy Virgin, blest land,
 whence sprung the
 Saviour,
 Holy Virgin, holy gate,

Hose, &c.

Pray for us.

through which the
 King of heaven alone
 may pass,
 Holy Virgin, journeying
 to Bethlehem with thy
 spouse Joseph,
 Holy Virgin, bringing
 into the world thy di-
 vine Son,
 Holy Virgin, laying the
 Son of God in a man-
 ger,
 Holy Virgin, visited by
 the shepherds,
 Holy Virgin, saluted by
 the Magi,
 Holy Virgin, presenting
 thy Son to be circum-
 cised,
 Holy Virgin, submitting
 to the law of purifica-
 tion,
 Holy Virgin, offering
 thy dear Son in the
 temple,
 Holy Virgin flying into
 Egypt to save thy
 Child,
 Holy Virgin, returning
 from Egypt into the
 land of Israel,
 Holy Virgin, leading us
 obscure life at Naza-
 reth.
 Holy Virgin, keeping the
 feasts prescribed by
 the law,
 Holy Virgin, afflicted at
 the loss of thy Child,

Pray for us

when he was twelve
 years old,
 Holy Virgin, seeking thy
 Child for three days
 sorrowing,
 Holy Virgin, honoring
 with thy presence
 the marriage-feast of
 Cana,
 Holy Virgin, graciously
 representing to thy
 Son the want of
 wine,
 Holy Virgin, obtaining a
 miracle by thy inter-
 cession,
 Holy Virgin, following
 thy Son in his minis-
 trations,
 Holy Virgin, sharing the
 sorrows of thy Son,
 Holy Virgin, standing
 at the foot of the
 cross,
 Holy Virgin, confided by
 thy Son to the beloved
 disciple,
 Holy Virgin, pierced
 with a sword of sor-
 row,
 Holy Virgin, filled with
 the Holy Spirit on the
 day of Pentecost,
 Holy Virgin, called

Pray for us.

Blessed by all genera-
 tions,
 Holy Virgin, reigning in
 heaven,
 Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,
Spare us, O Lord.
 Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
 Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world,
Have mercy on us.
 V. Pray for us, O holy
 Mother of God.
 R. That we may be made
 worthy of the promises of
 Christ.

Let us pray.

Protect, O Lord, thy ser-
 vants by thy gracious and
 abundant help, and grant
 that our confidence in the
 protection of the blessed
 Mary ever Virgin may ob-
 tain for us security against
 all enemies and all dangers.
 Through our Lord Jesus
 Christ. Amen.

Litany of the Seven Dolors of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
 God the Father of heav-
 en,
 God the Son, Redeemer
 of the world,
 God the Holy Ghost,
 Holy Trinity, one God,
 Mother of dolors,
 Thou who didst find no
 room in the inn,
 Who wast forced to take
 refuge in a stable,
 Who didst lay thy First-
 born in a manger,
 Who didst witness with
 compassion the Cir-
 cumcision of thy
 Son,
 Who didst hear that thy
 Son was set as a sign
 that should be contra-
 dicted,
 Who didst hear that
 thine own soul should
 be pierced with a
 sword,
 Who was fain to fly

Have, &c.

Pray for us

into Egypt with thy
 Son,
 Who didst grieve for the
 murder of the Inno-
 cents.
 Who for three days didst
 seek sorrowing thy
 Son, lost in the Tem-
 ple, when he was
 twelve years old,
 Who didst painfully note
 the constant hatred of
 the Jews against him,
 Who, on the day of the
 Last Supper, didst bid
 a sad farewell to thy
 Son going to Jerusa-
 lem to suffer,
 Who didst learn that he
 was betrayed by Ju-
 das, and led away cap-
 tive,
 Who didst see him de-
 livered up as a male-
 factor to the chief
 priests,
 Who didst hear that he
 was falsely accused,
 Who didst learn that his
 blessed face was
 struck with a fearful
 blow,
 Who didst hear that he
 was most cruelly

Pray for us

treated by the Jews
 and by the soldiers,
 Who didst hear thy Son
 rejected for Barabbas,
 Who didst behold him
 beaten with scourges
 and crowned with
 thorns,
 Who didst hear the un-
 just sentence pro-
 nounced against him,
 Who didst go to meet
 thy Son loaded with
 the weight of the
 Cross,
 Who didst hear his
 blessed hands and
 feet being pierced
 with dreadful nails,
 Who didst receive the
 last words of thy Son
 upon the Cross,
 Who didst stand by him
 in his agony,
 Who didst receive into
 thy maternal bosom
 the lifeless body of thy
 Son, taken down from
 the Cross,
 Who, after the body of
 thy Son was buried,
 didst return home all
 sad and desolate,
 O Queen of martyrs,
 O Mirror of the afflicted,
 O Comfort of the weak,
 O Strength of the fear-
 ful,
 O Refuge of sinners,

Through the most bitter
 Passion and Death of thy
 Son,
*Deliver us, O Queen of Mar-
 tyrs.*
 Through the most poign-
 ant sorrows of thy
 heart,
 Through thy exceeding
 sadness and desola-
 tion,
 Through thy extreme an-
 guish,
 Through thy groans and
 tears,
 Through thy maternal
 compassion,
 Through thy most pow-
 erful patronage,
 From immoderate sad-
 ness,
 From a pusillanimous
 spirit,
 From every occasion and
 danger of sin,
 From the snares of the
 devil,
 From hardness of heart,
 From impenitence,
 From sudden and unpre-
 pared-for death,
 From eternal damnation,
 We sinners,
Beseech thee, hear us.
 That thou wouldst
 vouchsafe to preserve
 us by thy patronage
 in true faith, hope, and
 charity

Pray for us.

Deliver us, O Queen of Martyrs.

That thou wouldst
vouchsafe to obtain
for us from thy Son
perfect sorrow and re-
pentance for our sins,
That thou wouldst
vouchsafe to bring
consolation and assist-
ance to those who call
upon thee,
That thou wouldst
vouchsafe to succor
us in the agony of
death,
That thou wouldst
vouchsafe to obtain
for us a happy end,
Mother of God,
Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,
Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

We beseech thee, hear us.

Have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
V. In all our tribulations
and afflictions,
R. Succor us, O most
blessed Virgin Mary.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ
grant, we beseech thee, that
the blessed Virgin Mary
thy Mother, whose most
sacred soul was pierced
with the sword of sorrow
in the hour of thy Passion
may intercede for us with
thy mercy, now and at the
hour of our death. through
thine own merits, O Jesus-
Saviour of the world
Who, with the Father and
the Holy Ghost, livest and
reignest, God, world with-
out end. Amen.

Litany of the Holy Angels.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us
God the Father of heav-
en, Have mercy, &c

God the Son, Redeemer
of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Holy Mary, Queen of
Angels,

Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of vir-
gins,

St. Michael, who wast
ever the defender of
the people of God,

St. Michael, who didst
drive from heaven Lu-
cifer and his rebel
crew,

St. Michael, who didst
cast down to hell the
accuser of our breth-
ren,

St. Gabriel, who didst
expound to Daniel the
heavenly vision,

St. Gabriel, who didst
foretell to Zachary the
birth and ministry of
John the Baptist,

St. Gabriel, who didst
announce to Mary the
Incarnation of the Di-
vine Word,

St. Raphael, who didst
lead Tobias safe
through his journey
to his home again,

St. Raphael, who didst
deliver Sara from the
devil,

St. Raphael, who didst

Have,
do

restore his sight to
Tobias the elder,
All ye holy Angels, who
stand upon the high
and lofty throne of
God,

Who cry to him con-
tinually, Holy, holy,
holy,

Who dispel the darkness
of our minds, and giv-
us light,

Who are the messengers
of heavenly things to
men,

Who have been appoint-
ed by God to be our
guardians,

Who always behold the
face of our Father who
is in heaven,

Who rejoice over one
sinner doing pen-
ance,

Who struck the Sodom-
ites with blindness,

Who led Lot out of the
midst of the ungodly,

Who ascended and de-
scended on the ladder
of Jacob,

Who delivered the di-
vine law to Moses on
Mount Sinai,

Who brought good tid-
ings when Christ was
born,

Who ministered to him
in the desert,

Pray for us.

Pray for us

Who comforted him in
his agony,

Who sat in white garments
at his sepulchre,

Who appeared to the
disciples as he went
up into heaven,

Who shall go before
him bearing the stand-
ard of the Cross, when
he cometh to judg-
ment,

Who shall gather togeth-
er the elect at the end
of the world,

Who shall separate the
wicked from among
the just,

Who offer to God the
prayers of them that
pray,

Who assist us at the
hour of death,

Who carried Lazarus
into Abraham's bo-
som,

Who conduct to heaven
the souls of the just,
cleansed from every
stain,

Who perform signs and
wonder by the power
of God

Who are sent to minister
for those who shall re-
ceive the inheritance
of salvation,

Who would cure Baby-

lon, and when she will
not be cured, depart
and forsake her,

Who are set over king-
doms and provinces,

Who have often put to
flight armies of ene-
mies,

Who have often deliv-
ered God's servants
from prison, and other
perils of this life,

Who have often consoled
the holy Martyrs in
their torments,

Who are wont to cher-
ish with peculiar care
the prelates and
princes of the Church,
and all that are under
their charge,

All ye holy orders of
blessed Spirits,

From all dangers,

*Deliver us, O Lord, by
thy holy Angels.*

From the snares of the
devil,

From all heresy and
schism,

From plague, famine; and
war,

From sudden and un-
looked-for death,

From everlasting death,
We sinners,

Beseech thee, hear us.

Through thy holy An-
gels,

Pray for us.

Deliver us O Lord

That thou wouldst spare
us,

That thou wouldst pardon us,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to govern and preserve thy holy Church,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to protect our Apostolic Prelate, and all ecclesiastical orders,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant peace and security to kings and all Christian princes,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Our Father, &c. (*secretly*).

V. Bless the Lord, all ye his Angels.

R. Ye that are mighty in strength, that fulfil his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his words.

V. Bless the Lord, all ye his hosts.

R. Ye ministers of his, that do his will.

V. He hath given his Angels charge concerning thee.

R. To keep thee in all thy ways.

V. The Angel of the Lord shall encamp round about them that fear him.

R. And shall deliver them.

V. In the sight of the Angels will I sing unto thee, O my God.

R. I will worship towards thy holy temple, and will give praise unto thy name.

O Lord.

V O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O God, who dispensest

We beseech thee, hear us.

the services of Angels and earth by those who always
men in a wonderful order; do thee service in heaven.
mercifully grant that our Through Jesus Christ our
life may be protected on Lord. Amen.

Litany of the Holy Angel-Guardian.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heav-
en,

God the Son, Redeemer
of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary, Queen of
Angels,

Holy Angel, my guard-
ian,

Holy Angel, my prince,

Holy Angel, my moni-
tor,

Holy Ange my counsel-
or

Holy Angel, my defend-
er,

Holy Angel, my stew-
ard,

Holy Angel, my friend,

Holy Angel, my negotia-
tor

Holy Angel, my inter-
cessor,

Holy Angel, my patron,

Holy Angel, my direct-
or,

Holy Angel, my ruler,

Holy Angel, my protect-
or,

Holy Angel, my comfort-
er,

Holy Angel, my brother,

Holy Angel, my teacher,

Holy Angel, my shep-
herd,

Holy Angel, my wit-
ness,

Holy Angel, my helper,

Holy Angel, my watch-
er,

Holy Angel, my con-
ductor,

Holy Angel, my preserv-
er,

Holy Angel, my instruct-
or,

Holy Angel, my enlight-
ener,

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world

Hear O

Pray for us

Pray for us

Spare us, O Lord

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

V. Pray for us, O holy
Angel-guardian.

R. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting

God, who, in the counsel
of thy ineffable goodness,
hast appointed to all the
faithful, from their mother's
womb, a special Angel-
guardian of their body and
soul; grant that I may so
love and honor him whom
thou hast so mercifully given
me, that, protected by
the bounty of thy grace,
and by his assistance, I may
merit to behold, with him
and all the angelic host,
the glory of thy countenance
in the heavenly country.
Who livest and reignest,
world without end.
Amen.

A PRAYER TO ONE'S ANGEL-GUARDIAN.

O most faithful companion, appointed by God to be
my guardian, my protector, and defender, and who never
leavest my side: how shall I thank thee for thy faithful-
ness and love, and for all the benefits which thou hast
conferred upon me? Thou watchest over me while I
sleep; thou comfortest me when I am sad; thou liftest
me up when I am down; thou avertest the dangers that
threaten me; thou warnest me of those that are to come;
thou withdrawest me from sin, and excitest me to good;
thou exhortest me to penance when I fall, and reconcil-
est me to God. Long ago should I have been thrust
down into hell, unless by thy prayers thou hadst turned
away from me the anger of God. Leave me not, nor
forsake me ever, I beseech thee; but still comfort me in
adversity, restrain me in prosperity, defend me in danger,
assist me in temptations, lest at any time I fall beneath
them. Offer up in the sight of the Divine Majesty my

prayers and groanings, and all my works of piety, and make me to persevere in grace, until I come to everlasting life. Amen.

Litany of St. Anne.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us
 God the Father of heaven,
 God the Son, Redeemer
 of the world,
 God the Holy Ghost,
 Holy Trinity, one God,
 St. Anne,
 St. Anne, mother of the
 Virgin Mary,
 St. Anne, spouse of Joa-
 chim,
 St. Anne, mother-in-law
 of Joseph,
 St. Anne, ark of Noah,
 St. Anne, ark of the cov-
 enant,
 St. Anne mount Horeb,
 St. Anne, rod of Jesse,
 St. Anne, fruitful tree,
 St. Anne, fruit-bearing
 vine,
 St. Anne, sprung from
 the blood of kings,
 St. Anne, joy of Angels,

Have, &c.

Pray for us.

St. Anne, grace of Pa-
 triarchs,
 St. Anne, oracle of
 Prophets,
 St. Anne, praise of all
 Saints,
 St. Anne, glory of
 Priests and Levites,
 St. Anne, cloud full of
 dew,
 St. Anne, cloud of light,
 St. Anne, cloud of bright-
 ness,
 St. Anne, vessel full of
 grace,
 St. Anne, mirror of obe-
 dience,
 St. Anne, mirror of pa-
 tience,
 St. Anne, mirror of com-
 passion,
 St. Anne, mirror of de-
 votion,
 St. Anne, bulwark of the
 Church,
 St. Anne, refuge of sin-
 ners,
 St. Anne, protectress of
 Christians,
 St. Anne, deliverer of
 captives.

Pray for us.

St. Anne, consolation of
the married,

St. Anne, mother of wid-
ows,

St. Anne, directress of
virgins,

St. Anne, harbor of safety
for voyagers,

St. Anne, sure road for
travellers,

St. Anne, support of the
weak,

St. Anne, health of the
sick,

St. Anne, light of the
blind,

St. Anne, tongue of the
dumb,

St. Anne, ear of the
deaf,

St. Anne, comforter of
the afflicted,

St. Anne, succor of all
those who call upon
thee,

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Have mercy on us.

Christ Jesus, hear us.

*Christ Jesus, graciously hear
us.*

V. Pray for us, St. Anne

R. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Let us pray.

O almighty and eternal
God, who didst vouchsafe
to choose St. Anne to bring
into the world the Mother
of thy only Son; mercifully
grant to us, we beseech
thee, who devoutly honor
her memory, grace to ob-
tain, through her merits, the
blessings of eternal life.
Who livest and reignest,
world without end Amen

A PRAYER* IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN AND
ST. ANNE.

Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; thy grace
be with me Blessed art thou among women, and
blessed be St. Anne, thy mother, from whom thou didst

* Pius VII. granted one hundred days' indulgence to those who
should say the above prayer, and a plenary indulgence on July 26th, to
those who shall have recited it at least ten times a month.

proceed without stain of sin, O Virgin Mary: but of thee was born Christ Jesus, Son of the living God Who liveth and reigneth, God, &c. Amen.

Litany of St. Stanislas Kotska.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Mary, conceived without sin,

St. Stanislas Kotska,

Destined to the service of God from thy conception,

Faithful follower of Jesus Christ,

Well-beloved child of Mary,

Called by her to the company of Jesus,

Faithful to the vocation and grace of God,

Have, &c.

Pray for us.

Most worthy son of St. Ignatius,

Fair ornament of the company of Jesus,

Model and patron of novices,

Enemy of the world and of its riches,

Contemner of human glory,

Severe chastiser of thine innocent flesh,

Admirable in thy matchless purity,

Vanquisher of every evil passion,

Exact observer of religious discipline,

Devout adorer of the Sacrament of the Altar,

Treasure of heavenly graces,

Mirror of obedience, humility, and patience,

Model of candor, modesty, and piety,

Ardent lover of evangelical poverty,

Wise above thy years.

Pray for us.

Lover of brotherly charity,
 Penetrated with self-contempt,
 Victim of divine love,
 Example of Christian faith,
 Ignored with the sensible presence of the Infant Jesus,
 An angel in thy life and manners,
 Fed by angels with bread from heaven,
 An apostle in zeal and merits,
 A martyr in faith and in desire,
 A confessor in constant piety,
 Ushered into heaven amid a choir of virgins,
 Perfect in all virtues, notwithstanding thy short life,
 The ornament and glory of thy ancestors,
 The stay and prop of thrones,
 The refuge and the safety of all who call upon thee,
 Illustrious in the miracles wrought both before and after thy decease,

Pray for us

Most blessed citizen of the heavenly Jerusalem, *Pray for us.*
 Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

V. Pray for us, St. Stanislas.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O God, who, amongst other miracles of thy wisdom, hast bestowed even in tender age the grace of matured sanctity: grant, we beseech thee, that, redeeming the time by instant labor, after the example of blessed Stanislas, we may hasten to enter into eternal rest. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Litany of St. Vincent of Paul.*

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heav-
en,

God the Son, Redeemer
of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary,

St. Vincent of Paul,

St. Vincent, who at the
tenderest age didst
display a wisdom most
mature.

St. Vincent, who, from
thy childhood, wast
full of pity and com-
passion,

St. Vincent, who, like
David, from a simple
shepherd becamest the
ruler and pastor of the
people of God,

St. Vincent, who in thy
captivity didst pre-
serve a perfect free-
dom,

St. Vincent the just man,
who livedst by faith,

St. Vincent, always sup-
ported on the firm an-
chor of a Christian
hope,

St. Vincent, a'ways in-
flamed with the fire
of charity,

St. Vincent, truly simple,
upright, and fearing
God,

St. Vincent, true disciple
of Jesus Christ, always
meek and humble of
heart,

St. Vincent, perfectly
mortified in heart and
mind,

St. Vincent, ever anima-
ted with the spirit of
Jesus Christ,

St. Vincent, generous
maintainer of the glory
of God,

St. Vincent, ever in-
wardly burning, and
ever outwardly trans-
ported, with zeal for
souls,

St. Vincent, who in
Christian poverty didst
find the precious pearl,
and the rich treasure
of the Gospel,

St. Vincent, like to the
angels in thy purity.

Have, &c.

Pray for us

Pray for us.

* This Litany is intended especially for the members of the Brotherhood of St. Vincent of Paul.

St. Vincent, ever faithful
in obedience, and ever
victorious in word,

St. Vincent, from thy
earliest years con-
stantly devoted to
works of charity,

St. Vincent, who didst
fly with most diligent
care the slightest ap-
pearance of evil,

St. Vincent, who, in all
thine actions, didst as-
pire to the practice of
the most perfect vir-
tue,

St. Vincent, who, like a
rock, remainedst im-
movable amidst the
stormy sea of this
world,

St. Vincent, who, con-
stant as the sun in its
course, wentest ever
onward in the paths
of truest wisdom,

St. Vincent, always in-
vincible by all the ar-
rows of adversity,

St. Vincent, as patient in
suffering as thou wast
indulgent in forgiving,

St. Vincent, ever docile
and obedient son of
the holy Roman
Church,

St. Vincent, who hadst
exceeding horror of
the novel ways and

subtle words of her-
esy,

St. Vincent, destined by
a special Providence
to announce the Gos-
pel to the poor,

St. Vincent, tender fa-
ther and perfect model
of ecclesiastics,

St. Vincent, prudent
founder of the Con-
gregation of the Mis-
sion,

St. Vincent, wise insti-
tutor of the order of
the Sisters of Charity,

St. Vincent, always ten-
der in compassionat-
ing, and always prompt
in relieving, all the ne-
cessities of the poor,

St. Vincent, equally fer-
vent in the practice of
prayer and in the min-
istry of the word,

St. Vincent, perfect imi-
tator of the life and
virtues of Jesus Christ,

St. Vincent, who didst
persevere to the end
in eschewing evil and
doing good,

St. Vincent, who, as in
life so in death, wast
most precious in the
sight of God,

[St. Vincent, who by the
knowledge of absolute
truth, by the love of sov-

Pray for us.

Pray for us.

ereign goodness, by the
joys of a blessed eternity,
possessest perfect hap-
piness,

*Pray for the members of the
Church, and especially for
the members of this brother-
hood.]*

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Have mercy on us.

V. The Lord hath led the
just man through right
ways.

R. And showed unto him
the kingdom of God.

Let us pray.

Great God, who, by an
effect of thine infinite good-
ness, hast renewed, in our
days, in the apostolic char-
ity and humility of thy
blessed servant Vincent,
the spirit of thy well-be-
loved Son to preach the
Gospel to the poor, relieve
the afflicted, console the
miserable, and add new
lustre to the ecclesiastica
order; grant, we beseech
thee, through his powerfu
intercession, that we also,
being delivered from the
great misery of sin, may
labor to please thee by the
practice of the same hu-
mility. Through Jesus
Christ our Lord, &c
Amen.

Litany for the Faithful Departed.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,

*Have mercy on the souls
of the faithful depart-
ed.*

God the Son, Redeemer
of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Have, O

Holy Virgin of virgins,	From all evil,
St. Michael,	From thy wrath,
All ye Angels and Arch- angels,	From the rigor of thy justice,
All ye orders of Blessed Spirits,	From the power of the devil,
St. John Baptist,	From the gnawing worm of conscience,
St. Joseph,	From long-enduring sor- row,
All ye holy patriarchs and prophets,	From cruel flames,
St. Peter,	From intolerable cold,
St. Paul,	From horrible darkness,
St. John,	From dreadful weeping and wailing,
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,	Through thine admirable Conception,
St. Stephen,	Through thy holy Na- tivity,
St. Laurence,	Through thy most sweet Name,
All ye holy Martyrs,	Through thy Baptismo and holy Fasting,
St. Gregory,	Through thy most pro- found Humiliation,
St. Ambrose,	Through thy prompt Obedience,
St. Augustine,	Through thine infinite Love,
St. Jerome,	Through thy Sorrow and Anguish,
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,	Through thy Bloody Sweat,
All ye holy Doctors,	Through thy Bonds,
All ye holy Priests and Levites,	Through thy Scourging,
All ye holy Monks and Hermits,	Through thy Crowning with thorns,
St. Mary Magdalen,	Through thy Carrying of the Cross,
St. Catherine,	
St. Barbara,	
All ye holy Virgins and Widows,	
All ye Saints of God,	
Be merciful,	
Spare, them O Lord.	
Be merciful,	
Graciously hear us, O Lord.	

Pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

O Lord, deliver them.

Through thy most cruel
Death

Through thy Five most
holy Wounds,

Through thy most bitter
Cross and Passion,

Through thy holy Resur-
rection,

Through thine admira-
ble Ascension,

Through the coming of
the Holy Ghost the
Paraclete,

In the day of judgment,
We sinners,

Beseech thee, hear us.

Thou who forgavest
Magdalen, and heark-
enedst to the prayers

of the thief,

Thou who savest freely
thine elect,

Thou who hast the keys
of death and hell,

That thou wouldst be
pleased to deliver the

souls of our parents,
relations, friends, and

benefactors, from the
pains of hell,

That thou wouldst be
pleased to have mercy

on those of whom no
special remembrance

is made on earth,

That thou wouldst be
pleased to grant them

all the pardon and re-
mission of their sins,

That thou wouldst be
pleased to fulfil all

their desires,

That thou wouldst be
pleased to receive

them into the com-
pany of the Blessed,

King of awful majesty,
Son of God,

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world.

Grant unto them rest.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the

world,

Grant unto them rest.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the

world,

*Grant unto them rest ever-
lasting.*

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

From the gate of hell,

Deliver their souls, O Lord.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

*And let my cry come unto
thee.*

Let us pray.

O God, the Creator and
Redeemer of all the faith-
ful, grant unto the souls of
thy servants departed this
remission of all their sins:
that, by pious supplications,

We beseech thee.

O Lord, deliver them.

We beseech thee, hear us.

they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Grant this, O God, who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

O eternal God, who, besides the general precept of charity, hast commanded a particular respect to parents, kindred, and benefactors; grant, we beseech thee, that, as they were the instruments by which thy providence bestowed on us our birth, education, and

innumerable other blessings, so our prayers may be the means to obtain for them a speedy release from their excessive sufferings, and free admittance to thine infinite joys. Through Jesus, &c.

V. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Another Litany for the Faithful Departed.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, receive our prayers.

Lord Jesus, grant our petitions.

O God the Father, Creator of the world,

Have mercy on the souls of the faithful departed.

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind,

Deliver the souls of the faithful departed.

O God the Holy Ghost, Perfecter of the elect,

Accomplish the bliss of the souls of the faithful departed.

O sacred Trinity, Three Persons and One God, Give rest to the souls of the faithful departed.

Blessed Virgin Mary, who, by a special privilege of grace, wast triumphantly assumed into the kingdom of thy Son,

Blessed Angels, who, ordering aright the first act of your will, were immediately settled in an unchangeable state of felicity.

Pray for the souls, &c.

Blessed Patriarchs, whose spirits were filled with joy, when the Desired of all nations brought redemption to your long captivity,

Blessed Prophets, who having patiently awaited the coming of the Messias, were at length refreshed with the happy visit of his divine Person,

O all ye blessed Saints, who, after the glorious Resurrection of your Saviour, were by him translated from the bosom of Abraham to the clear vision of God,

Blessed Apostles, who, at the last and terrible day, shall sit on the twelve thrones, judging the tribes of Israel,

Blessed Disciples of our Lord, who, following his sacred steps in the narrow path of perfection, went straight on to the heavenly Jerusalem,

Blessed Martyrs, who, passing through the red sea of your own blood, without journeying through a te-

dious wilderness, entered immediately into the Land of Promise,

Blessed Confessors, who, despising the vanities here below, and placing your affections on the joys above, are arrived at the full possession of all your desires,

Blessed Virgins, who, watching continually with your lamps prepared, were ready, at the first voice of the chaste Spouse of heaven, to enter with him into the marriage-chamber,

O all ye holy Saints, who, not retaining at your death the least irregular adherence to any creature, were perfectly capable of an immediate union with your Creator,

Be merciful, O Lord,
And pardon their sins.

Be merciful, O Lord,
And hear our prayers.

From the shades of death, where they sit, deprived of the blissful light of thy countenance,

From the evils to which their defective mortifi-

Pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

Comfort them, O Lord

cations in this world
have exposed them in
the other.

From thine anger, which
now too late they
grieve to have pro-
voked by their negli-
gence and ingrati-
tude,

From the bonds of sin,
wherein they remain
entangled by the dis-
order of their affec-
tions,

From the pains of Pur-
gatory, justly inflicted
on them as the proper
effects of their sins.

From that dreadful pris-
on whence there is no
release till they have
paid the last farthing,

From all their torments,
incomparably greater
than the sharpest pains
of this life,

By thy never-failing mer-
cy and compassion to-
wards the frailties of
human nature,

By the infinite merits of
thy death upon the
Cross, where thou re-
conciledst the world
to thy Father,

By thy victorious De-
scend into hell, to
break asunder the
chains of death, and

free such as were im-
prisoned.

By thy glorious Resur-
rection from the grave,
when thou openedst
the kingdom of heav-
en to believers,

By thy triumphant as-
cension into heaven,
when thou ledst cap-
tivity captive, and pro-
misedst to prepare a
place for thy servants,

By thy dreadful coming
to judge the world,
when the works of
every one shall be
tried by fire,

We sinners,

Beseech thee, hear us.

That it would please thee
to hasten the day of
visiting thy faithful,
detained in the recep-
tacles of sorrow, and
transport them to the
city of eternal peace,

That it would please thee
to shorten the time of
expiation of their sins,
and graciously admit
them into thy holy
sanctuary, where no
unclean thing can en-
ter,

That it would please thee
through the prayers
and alms of thy
Church, and especially

Deliver them, O Lord.

Deliver them, O Lord.

We beseech thee, hear us.

through the adorable
Sacrifice of thy Altar,
to receive them into
the tabernacles of rest,
and crown their long-
ing hopes with ever-
lasting fruition,

That the blessed visior
of Jesus may comfort
them, and the glorious
light of his cross shine
upon them,

That thy holy Angels
may bring them into
the land of the liv-
ing, and the glorious
Queen of Saints pre-
sent them before thy
throne,

That the venerable Pa-
triarchs may meet
them, and all the an-
cient Prophets rejoice
to see them,

That the sacred college
of Apostles may open
to them the gates of
bliss, and the victori-
ous army of Martyrs
conduct them to thy
palace,

That the blessed com-
pany of Confessors
may place them in
seats of eternal glory,
and the chaste train of
Virgins, with heavenly
anthems, congratulate
their reception,

That the whole trium-
phant Church may cele-
brate the jubilee of
their deliverance, and
all the choirs of An-
gels sing hymns of
joy for their new and
never-ending happi-
ness,

That, in the midst of all
these triumphs, the
souls that are deliv-
ered may themselves
adore the glorious Au-
thor of their happiness,
and in their white
robes eternally sing:
Alleluia! salvation to
our God, who sitteth
upon the throne, and
to the Lamb that re-
deemed us by his
blood, and made us
kings to reign with
him forever,

Son of God,
Lamb of God, who wilt
come with glory to judge
the living and the dead,
*Give rest to the souls of the
faithful departed.*

Lamb of God, at whose
presence the earth shall
be moved, and the heav-
ens melt away,

*Give rest to the souls of the
faithful departed,*

Lamb of God, in whose
blessed book of life all

We beseech thee, hear us

We beseech thee, hear us

their names are written,

Give eternal rest to the souls of the faithful departed.

Ant. Deliver us, O Lord, from death eternal in that tremendous day, when the heavens shall be moved and the earth: when thou shalt come to judge the world by fire

V. Deliver us, O Lord, in that tremendous day.

R. And place us with the Blessed at thy right hand forever.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come to thee.

Prayers as above, p. 729-730.

Litany for the Souls in Purgatory.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,

Have mercy on the suffering souls.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

St. Michael,

All ye holy Angels and Archangels,

All ye choirs of celestial Spirits,

St. John the Baptist,

St. Joseph,

All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,

St. Peter,

St. Paul,

St. John,

All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,

St. Stephen,

St. Laurence,

All ye holy Martyrs,

St. Gregory,

St. Ambrose,

St. Augustine,

St. Jerome,

All ye holy Pontiffs and Confessors,

All ye holy Doctors,

All ye holy Priests and Levites,

All ye holy Monks and Hermits,

St. Mary Magdalen,

St. Catherine.

Have, &c.

Pray, &c.

Pray for the suffering souls

St. Barbara,
 All ye holy Virgins and
 Widows,
 All ye Saints of God,
 Be merciful unto them.
Pardon them, O Lord.
 Be merciful unto them,
Hear us, O Lord.
 From all evil,
 From thy wrath,
 From the rigor of thy
 justice.
 From the gnawing worm
 of conscience,
 From fearful darkness,
 From their mourning
 and tears,
 By thy incarnation,
 By thy nativity,
 By thine own sweet
 name,
 By thy baptism and holy
 fasting,
 By thy most profound
 humility,
 By thy perfect submis-
 sion,
 By thy infinite love,
 By thy anguish and tor-
 ment,
 By thy bloody sweat,
 By thy bonds and
 chains,
 By thy crown of thorns,
 By thy ignominious
 death,
 By thy sacred wounds,
 By thy cross and bitter
 passion.

Pray, &c.

O Lord, deliver them

By thy glorious resur-
 rection,
 By thine admirable as-
 cension,
 By the coming of the
 Paraclete,
 In the day of judgment,
 Sinners as we are,
 Thou who didst absolve
 the adulteress, and par-
 don the good thief,
 Thou who savest by thy
 grace,
 Thou who hast the keys
 of death and of hell,
 That it may please thee
 to deliver our parents,
 friends, and benefac-
 tors from tormenting
 flames,
 That it may please thee
 to deliver all the faith-
 ful departed,
 That it may please thee
 to have mercy on all
 those who have none
 in this world to remem-
 ber or pray for them,
 That it may please thee
 to have mercy on all,
 and to deliver them
 from their pains,
 That it may please thee
 to fulfil their desires,
 That it may please thee
 to admit them amongst
 thine elect,
 King of dreadful majesty
 Son of God

O Lord, &c.

We beseech thee, hear us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Give them rest.*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Give them rest.*
Lamb of God, who takest a-way the sins of the world, *Give them eternal rest.*
Jesus Christ, hear us.
Jesus Christ, graciously hear us.
 Our Father, &c.
 V. From the gate of hell.
 R. O Lord, preserve their souls.
 Let us pray.
 O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faith-

ful, give to the souls of thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, to the end that they may obtain, by the humble supplications of thy Church, that pardon which they have always desired of thy mercy. Thou who, being God, livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.
 V. Give them, O Lord, eternal rest.
 R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.
 V. May they rest in peace.
 R. Amen.

Litany of Penance.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
 God the Father of heaven,
 God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
 God the Holy Ghost,
 Holy Trinity, one God,
 God of all goodness, who wilt not the death

of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live,
 Who pardonedst not the Angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell for all eternity,
 Who, when Adam fell, didst call him to confession and repentance for his sin,
 Who didst preserve Noah from the flood, and from the lot of the ungodly, by saving him in the ark.

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Who didst draw Loth
from the midst of sin-
ners,

Who, softened by the
prayers of Moses, didst
forgive the sins of the
backsliding people,

Who didst pardon the
sin of David, after his
confession and repent-
ance,

Who didst spare Achab
when he humbled him-
self in penance,

Who didst graciously
hear the penitent Ma-
nasses, and establish
him on his throne,

Who didst grant pardon
to the Ninevites, when
they did penance for
their sins in fasting,
and in sackcloth and
ashes,

Who didst succor the
Machabees, when they
fasted and lay in
ashes,

Who didst command thy
priests to weep, and
pray, and offer sacri-
fice for the people,

Who didst come into
the world to save sin-
ners,

Who when thou wouldst
redeem the world,
didst send as thy mes-
senger John Baptist.

the preacher of pen-
ance,

Who didst fast forty days
and forty nights,

Who didst prevent, with
thy grace, Matthew
sitting at the receipt
of custom,

Who didst bear witness
that the Publican,
humbly striking his
breast, was justified,

Who didst deliver the
paralytic from his in-
firmity, when thou
hadst forgiven him his
sins,

Who, by the example of
the Prodigal son, didst
offer to sinners the
hope of pardon,

Who didst make known
to the woman of Sa-
maria the fountain of
living water,

Who didst bring salva-
tion to the house of
Zacheus, repenting of
his sins, and making
restitution fourfold,

Who didst exercise thy
mercy in behalf of the
woman taken in adul-
tery,

Who didst receive pub-
licans and sinners, and
didst eat with them,

Who didst forgive Mag-
dalen her many sins.

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

because she loved
much,
Who, looking tenderly
on Peter, who denied
thee, didst bring him
to compunction and to
tears,

Who didst promise Par-
adise to the penitent
thief,

Who lovest all thy crea-
tures and hatest no-
thing that thou hast
made,

Who givest to sinners
both place and time
for repentance,

Who didst come to seek
and to save that which
was lost,

Who hast pity on all
men, and hidest the
sins of those who truly
repent,

Who wouldst have mer-
cy, and not sacrifice,

Who, when we repent,
rememberest our sins
no more,

God, most merciful and
patient, tender and
loving-kind, notwith-
standing all our sins,

We sinners,
Beseech thee, hear us.

That thou wouldst
vouchsafe to lead us
to a true repentance,

That we may judge our-

selves, and so escape
thy judgment,

That we may bring forth
in due time worthy
fruits of penance,

That, denying ungodli-
ness and worldly de-
sires, we may live so-
berly, justly, and god-
ly,

That sin may not reign
in our mortal body,

That we may not love
the world, nor the
things of the world,

That we may work out
our salvation with fear
and trembling,

Son of God,
Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

V. O Lord, hear our
prayer.

R. And let our cry come
unto thee.

Let us pray
O most gracious and

Have mercy on us

We beseech thee, hear us.

Wt, &c.

most merciful God, look all our sins, persevere con-
 with compassion on the stantly in thy service, and
 frailty of our mortal nature, in the end attain unto ever-
 and sustain our endeavors lasting life. Through Je-
 by thy grace, that, through sus Christ our Lord. &c.
 thy boundless mercy we Amen.
 we obtain the pardon of

Litany of our Lady of Sorrows.*

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.	
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.	
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.	
Christe audi nos.	Christ, hear us.	
Christe exaudi nos.	Christ, graciously hear us.	
Pater de cœlis Deus,	God the Father of heav-	
	en,	
Fili Redemptor mundi	God the Son, Redeemer	Have mercy, &c.
Deus,	of the world,	
Spiritus Sancte Deus,	God the Holy Ghost,	
Sancta Trinitas, unus	Holy Trinity, one God,	
Deus,		
Sancta Maria,	Holy Mary,	
Sancta Dei Genitrix,	Holy Mother of God,	
Sancta Virgo virginum,	Holy Virgin of virgins,	
Mater crucifixa,	Mother crucified,	
Mater dolorosa,	Mother sorrowful,	
Mater lacrymosa,	Mother tearful,	
Mater afflicta,	Mother afflicted,	
Mater derelicta,	Mother forsaken,	
Mater desolata,	Mother desolate.	
Mater filio orbatâ,	Mother bereft of thy	
	Child.	

* This Litany was written by Pius VII. in his captivity, who granted plenary indulgence to all who recite it with a contrite heart on Fridays.

Mater gladio transver-
berata.

Mater ærumnis confecta,

Mater angustis reple-
ta,

Mater cruci corde affixa,

Mater mæstissima,

Fons lacrymarum,

Cumulus passionum,

Speculum patientiæ,

Rupes constantiæ,

Anchora confidentiæ,

Refugium derelictorum,

Clypeus oppressorum,
Debellatrix incredulo-
rum,

Solatum miserorum,

Medicina languentium,

Fortitudo debilium,

Portus naufragantium,

Sedatio procellarum,

Recursus mœrentum,

Terror insidiantium,

Thesaurus fidelium,

Oculus Prophetarum,

Baculus Apostolorum,

Corona Martyrum,

Lumen Confessorum,

Margarita Virginum,

Consolatio Viduarum,

Lætitia Sanctorum om-
nium,

Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-
cata mundi,

Parce nobis, Jesu.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-
cata mundi,

Mother transfixed with
the sword,

Mother consumed with
grief,

Mother filled with an-
guish,

Mother crucified in heart,

Mother most sad,

Fountain of tears,

Mass of suffering,

Mirror of patience,

Rock of constancy,

Anchor of confidence,

Refuge of the forsaken,

Shield of the oppressed,

Subduer of the unbeliev-
ing,

Comfort of the wretched,

Medicine of the sick,

Strength of the weak,

Harbor of the wrecked,

Allayer of tempests,

Resourcer of mourners,

Terror of the treacherous

Treasure of the faithful,

Eye of Prophets,

Staff of Apostles,

Crown of Martyrs,

Light of Confessors,

Pearl of Virgins,

Consolation of widows,

Joy of all Saints,

Lamb of God, who takest
away the sins of the
world,

Spare us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, who takest a-
way the sins of the world,

Ora pro nobis.

Pray for us.

Exaudi nos, Jesu.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi.

Miserere nobis, Jesu.

Despice super nos, libera nos, salva nos ab omnibus angustiis in virtute Jesu Christi. Amen.

Verbe, Domine, vulnera tua in corde meo, ut in eis legam dolorem et amorem: dolorem, ad sustinendum per te omnem dolorem; amorem, ad contemnendum pro te omnem amorem.

Credo Salve regina. Three Ave Marias, in honor of the most holy heart of Mary.

Graciously hear us, O Jesus.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us, O Jesus.
Look down upon us, deliver us from all trouble in the power of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Imprint, O Lady, thy wound upon my heart, that I may receive therein sorrow and love: sorrow, to endure every sorrow for thee, love, to despise every love for thee.

The Golden Litany.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us; and grant us strength of soul, inward and outward, that we may serve thee to the pleasure of thy will.

O Lord God, Father of heaven, by thy heavenly virtue,

O Son of God, Redeemer of the world,

O Holy Ghost, one God, with the Father and the Son,

O Lord God, by thine increase and undivided Trinity,

By thy godly being,

By thy godly nature,

By thine infinite beauty,

By thyself. and all good-

ness that thou beholdest in thyself,

By the creation of heaven and earth, and all things that are in them,

By thy goodness, which thou hadst in the creation of man to thine image and likeness,

By that great love wherewith thou didst predetermine to repair fallen man,

By that ineffable love whereby thou chocest Mary, most pure virgin, to be thy mother.

By that most holy name Mary, which descended and flowed from

Have mercy on us

the high throne of the
glorious Trinity,
By the Immaculate Con-
ception of thy blessed
Virgin Mother,
By her most holy Nativ-
ity,

By her virginity and
great meekness,

By that meek affection
and love which drew
thee from the bosom
of the Father into the
womb of the Vir-
gin,

By the humility of thy
high majesty, which
disdained not to de-
scend into the womb
of the Virgin Mary,

For the frailty of man,
which thou loathedst
not to take willingly
for our sins,

For thy holy Nativity,
wherein thou didst
vouchsafe to be born
of a woman,

For that unspeakable de-
light and gladness,
which thy blessed Mo-
ther had in thy Nativ-
ity,

By that cold crib thou
layedst in, wrapped in
poor clothes, and fed
with maiden's milk,

By the great joy of the
shepherds, who wor-

shipped thee lying in
the crib,

For that painful Circum-
cision and shedding of
thy precious blood,
and for the virtue of
thy Holy Name Jesus,
and all thy blessed
names,

For the oblation and the
prayers of the three
kings,

For that blessed Na-
tion, wherein thou
wert offered to thy
Father in the tem-
ple,

For thy flight into Egypt,
and all the pains thou
sufferedst there with
thy blessed Mother,

For thy coming again
from Egypt unto Naz-
areth, and thy meek
obedience wherewith
thou didst willingly
subject thyself to thy
parents,

For thy meek and lowly
conversation during
three-and-thirty years
on earth,

For thy meek obedience
and great patience,

For thy most holy medi-
tations, words, and
works of mercy,

For thy holy Baptism,
and the glorious an-

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

appearing of the Holy
 Trinity,
 For thy holy fasting,
 contemplation, genu-
 flexions, and the tempt-
 ing of the devil in the
 desert,
 For thy thirst, hunger,
 cold, and heat, which
 thou sufferedst in this
 vale of misery,
 For thy heaviness, labor,
 and weariness,
 For the detraction and
 evil words, wherewith
 thy enemies reviled
 thee,
 For thy watching and
 prayers,
 For thy wholesome doc-
 trine and benefits, and
 thy mighty resistance,
 whereby thou gavest
 no place to thine ene-
 mies,
 For the wonderful signs
 and miracles thou
 wroughtest,
 For thy meek and holy
 conversation,
 For thy holy tears, and
 meek enthronisation in
 Jerusalem on the day
 of pains,
 For that cursed council,
 wherein the malicious
 Jews conspired thy
 death,
 By that fervent and char-

Have mercy on us.

itable desire that thou
 hadst to redeem us,
 By that great lowliness,
 which thou showedst
 in washing the feet of
 thy disciples, and of
 Judas, who betrayed
 thee,
 For thy most noble and
 worthy institution of
 the sacrament of thy
 most precious Body
 and Blood,
 For that profound love,
 whereby thou suffer-
 edst St. John the
 Evangelist to rest
 upon thy breast at
 supper,
 For peace which thou
 gavest to thy disci-
 ples,
 For thy holy words and
 sermons,
 For the inward and great
 heaviness which thou
 hadst, when thou pray-
 edst to thy Father in
 the garden beside the
 Mount of Olivet,
 By the virtue of thy holy
 prayer, that thou pray-
 edst there three times,
 For thy fearful dread of
 thy death,
 For that Agony wherein
 thou offeredst thyself
 willingly to death,
 obeying the Almighty

Have mercy on us.

Father, and for thy
 Bloody Sweat,
 By thy great meekness,
 wherewith thou didst
 vouchsafe to be com-
 forted by an Angel, so
 comfort me in every
 time; and
 By thy mighty and victo-
 rious courage, where-
 with thou wentest to
 meet them that sought
 thee to the death,
 For thy great goodness,
 in that thou refusedst
 not the kiss of Judas,
 thy betrayer; and the
 ear of Malchus, that
 Peter smote off, thou
 didst restore and heal,
 For those holy bonds,
 that thou wert bound
 with, and led as a pris-
 oner, and the oppro-
 brious words that thou
 sufferedst all that night,
 For the buffet thou en-
 duredst in the pres-
 ence of the high priest
 Annas, and other
 shame done to thee,
 For that love and char-
 ity that thou hadst,
 when thou wert
 brought bound before
 the high priest Cai-
 phas,
 By the false witnesses
 brought against thee,

Have mercy on us

and thy unrighteous
 condemnation,
 By the spitting on thee,
 and the scourging of
 thee,
 By the buffets and sore
 strokes given to thee,
 By the binding and blind-
 folding of thy holy
 eyes, shames and re-
 proaches, that thou suf-
 feredst all that night,
 For that merciful look
 wherewith thou be-
 heldest Peter, and for
 all that labor and tor-
 ment, secret and un-
 known, which thou
 sufferedst all that night,
 By thy presentation be-
 fore Pilate, and the ac-
 cusations that the Jews
 made against thee,
 For the contempt and
 mocking that thou
 sufferedst of Herod,
 and the white garment
 that he sent thee in
 again to Pilate,
 For all the shames, la-
 bors, upbraidings, and
 reproofs, which thou
 sufferedst going from
 one judge to another,
 For thy great patience
 and stillness,
 For the shameful strip-
 ping of thy clothes,
 and the binding of thy

Have mercy on us

most holy body to a
pillar,
For thy scourgings and
cruel beatings,
For thy innumerable
wounds, and the plen-
tious shedding of thy
blood,

For all thy pain, sorrow
cold, and trembling,

For thy purple garments,
and thy crown of
thorns violently press-
ed upon thy head,

For the grievous pain
that thou sufferedst in
thy head, crowned with
thorns, when it was
smitten with the reed,

By the scornful worship-
ping of the Jews, and
their salutation, when
they said, Hail, King
of the Jews,

By the spitting on thy
godly face, and cruel
beatings,

For that heaviness of
heart, which thou
hadst when Pilate
brought thee before
the multitude of the
people wearing the
crown of thorns and
the purple vesture,
and said to them, Be-
hold the man,

For that fearful sentence
of death and shameful

leading to the Mount
of Calvary,

For thy great love show-
ed to us, when thou
bearest thy heavy
cross upon thy should-
ers, to the place where
thou sufferedst thy
most painful passion;
and the labor, anguish,
slanders, and beatings
that thou sufferedst by
the way,

For all thy bloody steps,
that thou madest go-
ing to thy death,

By the great weariness
that thou hadst in thy
shoulders, bearing the
cross, until thou fellest
down.

By the great compassion
of thy heart, that thou
hadst when, bearing
the cross, thou mettest
thy blessed Mother
sorrowing and making
lamentation,

By thy heaviness of soul
and the going up the
Mount of Calvary
where thou wert cru-
cified,

By the stripping of thy
clothes to thy great
shame, in the sight of
thy blessed Mother,
and all the people,

By that cold sitting,

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us

wherein thou satest
 piteously, full of
 wounds, in the cold
 winds, so abiding un-
 til thy cross was ready,
For those sore and pain-
 ful steps thou madest
 going to thy cross,
For thy great anguish,
 mournings, and weep-
 ings,
For the great stretching
 of thy sinews and
 veins, and all thy mem-
 bers,
By the nailing of thy
 right hand and shed-
 ding of thy precious
 blood, cleanse us,
 Lord, from all sin, and
By the nailing of thy left
 hand, and thy most holy
 wound and precious
 blood, save us, and
For the nailing of thy
 most holy feet, and by
 the wounds in them,
 and the precious blood
 flowing out of them,
Purge us, enlighten us,
 and reconcile us to
 God the Father, and
For the lifting up of thy
 most holy body on the
 cross, and thy sore
 bruising thereof, that
 gave to all parts of thy
 body an incredible pain,
For the heaviness of thy

Have mercy on us.

heart, and all the pow-
 ers of thy soul, save
 us, deliver us, and
For the parting of thy
 clothes, and the lot
 that they cast upon
 thy coat, that was
 made without seam,
 thou beholding it,
For thy great love, where-
 by thou didst hang
 alive upon the cross
 three hours,
For the opprobrious and
 scornful words, which,
 hanging on the cross,
 thou heardest spoken
 to thee,
For the blaspheming,
 sorrow, and confusion,
 which thou sufferedst
 on the cross,
For all the sorrow and
 pain that thou suffer-
 edst in thy ribs, reins,
 and shoulders, in time
 of thy crucifying,
For all the pain thou
 sufferedst in thy hands
 and feet, and the
 straining of all thy
 members on the cross,
For that wonderful char-
 ity, wherewith thou
 prayedst thy Almighty
 Father for thine ene-
 mies,
For thy great mercy
 wherewith thou prom-

Have mercy on us

maest paradise to the
thief hanging on thy
right side,

For the tender care that
thou hadst for thy Mo-
ther in thy torments,
commending her to
thy well-beloved disci-
ple John,

For that great and mis-
erable cry that thou
madest to thy Father,

For the sword of sorrow
that went through the
soul of thy blessed
Mother, and her great
compassion and tears,
that, standing by the
cross, lamentably she
shed,

For those holy tears that
thou sheddest on the
cross, and in all thy
lifetime,

For thy thirst and tast-
ing of gall and vine-
gar, grant us to taste
the sweetness of thy
spirit, and

For all those holy words
that thou spakest on
the cross, and in all
thy life,

For that piteous cry in
the which thou com-
mendedst thy soul to
thy Father, our souls
be commended to thee;
and

By the departing of thy
holy soul from thy
blessed godly body,

By the resting of thy
most blessed head
upon thy breast, in-
cline, most sweet Je-
sus, to us; and

By the bitterness of thy
death, and the intolera-
ble pains wherewith
thy heart brake,

By the opening of thy
side with a spear, and
the flowing out of thy
most precious blood,
smite through, good
Lord, my heart with
the spear of thy godly
love; and

By that precious blood
and water that ran out
of thy most holy heart,
wash and cleanse us
in the same most holy
water and blood from
all our sins; and

For that great mercy
that thou showedst to
Longinus the soldier,
and to the centurion;
and all thy mercies
that thou hast ever
showed to man,

By the descending of thy
holy soul to hell,

By that might and
strength of thy bless-
ed soul, whereby thou

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

breakest the gates of hell, and deliveredst the souls of thy friends,

For the taking down of thy most holy body from the cross, and the solemn burying thereof; and great lamentation of thy blessed Mother, Mary Magdalen, and others, thy friends,

For all thy painful labours, weariness, sorrow, and heaviness, which thou sufferedst from the day of thy Nativity unto the hour that thy soul departed from thy body,

For thy glorious Resurrection in body and soul,

For that ineffable joy and gladness of thy blessed Mother, and others, thy friends, in thy glorious Resurrection,

For that special grace, when thou appearedst in a glorious body, after thy Resurrection, to Mary Magdalen, to other women, and to thy disciples,

For thy wonderful and glorious Ascension,

comfort us, good Lord, in all necessities: and
For thy godly and comfortable sending of the Holy Ghost to thy disciples, comfort us, labour us, strengthen us in faith, hope, and charity; and

For thy glory, and the divine majesty and virtues of thy Holy Name save us and govern us now and ever; and

For the love that rested both in thy Godhead and manhood,

For that joy whereby thou hast fruition in thyself,

For thyself and all goodness and merits that thou beholdest both in thee, and in thy blessed Mother,

For the ministering of St. Michael, and my good angel deputed for my keeping, and all other spirits of heaven,

By the intercession and merits of SS. Peter and Paul, St. John Evangelist, and all the apostles,

By the merits and intercession of thy holy martyrs, Laurence, Stephen, and all others,

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

By the merits and prayers of the holy fathers and confessors, Austin, Anthony, and all others,

Have mercy on us.

By the merits and prayers of SS. Anne, Catherine, Barbara, and all other holy virgins, widows, and chaste lives,

By the merits and prayers of all the chosen saints, which we have

been, and are to come in heaven and in earth. Succor us, most sweet Jesus, in that fearful day of the strict judgment; and grant us in this transitory life all things necessary to the health of body and soul; and after this life, to live and rejoice with thee everlastingly. Amen.

Have mercy on us

Litany of St. Peter.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary, Mother of God

Queen conceived without sin,

St. Peter,

Prince of the Apostles,

St. Peter, to whom were given the keys of the kingdom of heaven,

St. Peter, so ardent for the glory of Christ,

St. Peter, whose heart was pierced with one look from Jesus,

St. Peter, who ceased not to grieve for having denied the Son of God,

St. Peter, whose cheeks were furrowed by a stream of tears which flowed to the end of your life,

St. Peter, who cried out — "Lord, thou knowest that I love thee!"

St. Peter, bound in chains for Christ,

St. Peter, delivered

Have, etc.

Pray for us.

Pray for us

from prison by an
angel,
St. Peter, who rejoiced
to suffer for Christ,
St. Peter, whose very
shadow healed the sick
St. Peter, whose voice
even the dead obeyed,
That we may have a con-
stant, mutual charity
among ourselves,

That we may taste and
see more and more,
how sweet is the
Lord,

That we may be prudent,
and watch in prayer,
That we may die the
death of the just,
Lamb of God, &c., *three*
times.

Pray for us.

Pray for us.

LET US PRAY.

O glorious Apostle, who received the power of loosing and binding, pray for us, that, being free from all sin, we may live and die in the grace of God. Obtain then for us a perfect faith, firm hope, and ardent charity, that as we draw nearer to the close of life, we may daily grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. Guide us, O blessed Apostle, through all the dangers of this exile, till fear and grief be over. O humble martyr of Christ! you who now behold him, not as on Thabor, but in the full splendor of his glory, pray for us now and at the hour of death. O then come, blessed Apostle, and take us to Jesus, that we too may love eternally. Amen.

Litany of St. Mary Magdalen.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of heav-
en,
God the Son, Redeemer
of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,

Have, &c.

Holy Trinity, one God,
Holy Mary, Mother of
God,
Refuge of sinners,
Queen, conceived with-
out sin,
St. Mary Magdalen,
St. Mary Magdalen, mod-
el of true penitents,
St. Mary Magdalen, who

Pray for us.

- made no delay in returning to God,
St. Mary Magdalen, who, being once converted, despised all earthly pleasures,
St. Mary Magdalen, who had no other grief but that of having offended infinite goodness,
St. Mary Magdalen, who turned all that had served to sin into proofs of love and sorrow,
St. Mary Magdalen, whose eyes, once instruments of sin, are now bathed in tears at Jesus' feet,
St. Mary Magdalen, whose lips, once defiled, are now made pure by the hallowed kiss of Jesus' feet,
St. Mary Magdalen, whose hands, once sinful, are now made holy by the sacred touch of Jesus' feet,
St. Mary Magdalen, whose hair, once adorned to please creature, is now used to wipe Jesus' feet,
St. Mary Magdalen, whose penance was a true holocaust to divine love,
St. Mary Magdalen, who heard the blessed words—"Thy sins are forgiven,"
St. Mary Magdalen, who left Jesus' feet with the consoling words—"Go in peace,"
St. Mary Magdalen, who followed Jesus even to Calvary,
St. Mary Magdalen, who assisted at the agony of Jesus,
St. Mary Magdalen, who received drops of blood falling from the cross,
St. Mary Magdalen, who heard the loud cry—"All is consummated!"
St. Mary Magdalen, who saw Jesus expiring,
St. Mary Magdalen, who mingled thy tears with those of the sorrowful Mother,
St. Mary Magdalen, who went early to the sepulchre, to embalm the body of Jesus,
St. Mary Magdalen, who, in thy grief, noticed not the bright host of heaven,
St. Mary Magdalen, who would not be comfort

Pray for us.

Pray for us.

ed until the life-giving voice had said: "Mary!"
 St. Mary Magdalen, who *Pray, &c.* wast the first apostle of the resurrection, Lamb of God, &c., *three times.* *Pray, &c.*

LET US PRAY.

O my God! may thy love be the sole principle of my existence. Let my sorrow be to have offended thee, my supreme good, my first beginning and last end. May my tears flow from a heart wounded with love. I grieve for the past, and firmly resolve never more to offend thee

"Not that in heaven my home may be,
 Nor lest I die eternally,
 Nor from the hope of joy above me,
 But even as thyself didst love me,
 So love I, and will ever love thee,
 Because thou art my God, my King, for
 evermore." Amen.

Litany of St. Philomena.

Lord, have mercy.	St. Philomena, the daughter of light,
Christ, have mercy.	St. Philomena, who from infancy chose Jesus
Lord, have mercy.	Christ for your spouse,
Christ, hear us.	St. Philomena, who despised with heroic courage the greatest honors, in order to remain faithful to Christ,
Christ, graciously hear us.	St. Philomena, whose faith and love for Jesus Christ could not be shaken, either by promises or threats,
God the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.	St. Philomena, whose constancy could not
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.	
God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us	
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.	
Holy Mary, pray for us.	
St. Philomena, child of benediction, pray, &c.	

be diminished, either
by the supplications of
a father, or the tender-
ness of a mother,

St. Philomena, who by
your love of suffer-
ings, merited to be
consoled by Jesus,

St. Philomena, whose
ardor to endure new
torments augmented
every day,

St. Philomena, whom
God confided to the
care of Angels, and
who by their assist-
ance defeated the rage
of your persecutors,

St. Philomena, whose
glory God was pleased
to manifest by contin-
ual wonders,

St. Philomena, who en-
dured several kinds of
martyrdom, from the
different punishments
you suffered,

St. Philomena, who, by
your example, drew
many souls to faith,

St. Philomena, bound to
a pillar and struck
with reeds,

St. Philomena, perfect
model of Christian
virgins,

St. Philomena, special
protectress of those
who honor you,

St. Philomena, whom
the Church honors
and reveres as an il-
lustrious virgin and
martyr of Jesus Christ,

St. Philomena, now in
possession of immor-
tal honor,
Lamb of God, &c.

V. Pray for us, St. Phil-
omena.

R. That we may, like
you, consecrate our en-
tire lives to the love of
Jesus.

LET US PRAY.

O glorious virgin and martyr, whose glory God has
been pleased to manifest by shining miracles! we ad-
dress ourselves to you with entire confidence. Obtain
for us, that, following your example, we may generously
combat all that opposes the reign of Jesus Christ in our
hearts, that he may ornament them with thy virtues,
with that angelic purity of which you are so perfect a
model, in order that, enkindled with a love for Jesus, we
may walk constantly in the way he has pointed out to
us, and partake one day of your eternal felicity. Amen

Litany of St. Paul.

Lord, have mercy on us.
 Christ, have mercy on us.
 Lord, have mercy on us.
 Christ, hear us.
 Christ, graciously hear us.
 God the Father of heaven,
 have mercy on us.
 God the Son, Redeemer of
 the world, have mercy on
 us.
 God the Holy Ghost, have
 mercy on us.
 Holy Trinity, one God, have
 mercy on us.
 Holy Mary, Mother of
 God,
 Queen, conceived with-
 out sin,
 St. Paul, vessel of elec-
 tion,
 Apostle of the Gentiles,
 St. Paul, who wast rapt
 to the third heaven,
 St. Paul, who heard
 things not given to
 man to utter,
 St. Paul, who knew no-
 thing but Christ, and
 him crucified,
 St. Paul, whose love for
 Christ was stronger
 than death,
 St. Paul, who wished to
 be dissolved and be
 with Christ,

Pray for us.

St. Paul, whose zeal
 knew no bounds,
 St. Paul, who made thy-
 self all to all, to gain
 all to Christ,
 St. Paul, who called thy-
 self prisoner of Christ
 for us,
 St. Paul, who wast jeal-
 ous of us, with the
 jealousy of God,
 St. Paul, who gloried
 in the Cross of
 Christ,
 St. Paul, who bore in
 thy body the mortifi-
 cation of Christ,
 St. Paul, who exclaimed:
 "With Christ I am
 nailed to the cross!"
 That we may awake and
 sin no more,
 That we may not re-
 ceive the grace of God
 in vain,
 That we walk in new-
 ness of life,
 That we may work out
 our salvation with fear
 and trembling,
 That we may put on the
 armor of God,
 That we may stand
 against the deceits of
 the wicked one.

Pray for us.

That we may stand fast to the last, That we may press for- ward to the mark,	<i>Pray, &c.</i>	That we may win the crown, Lamb of God, &c.. three times.	<i>Pray, &c.</i>
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LET US PRAY

O glorious Apostle and martyr of Christ, chosen to
call us to the light of the Gospel, and the know-
ledge of the true and living God, obtain for us a perfect
faith, firm hope, and ardent charity, that bearing always
in our flesh the mortification of Christ, we may walk be-
fore God with simplicity, meekness, and humility, and
thus press towards the mark—"the glorious city whose
builder and maker is God."

O blessed Apostle, be our guide, whilst we travel
through the dark and stormy night of life, till this cor-
ruptible put on incorruption, and this mortal put on im-
mortality Amen.

Litany of St. Stephen, first Martyr

Lord, have mercy on us.	St. Stephen, who suffer-
Christ, have mercy on us.	ed for preaching the
Lord, have mercy on us.	name of Jesus Christ,
Christ, hear us.	St. Stephen, who so
Christ, graciously hear us.	closely imitated Jesus
God the Father of heaven,	Christ in that great
have mercy on us.	virtue of charity for
to the Son, Redeemer of	your enemies,
the world, have mercy	St. Stephen, who, when
on us.	stoned by your ene-
God the Holy Ghost, have	mies, cast forth sparks,
mercy on us.	not of anger, but of
Holy Trinity, one God, have	love, to set on fire
mercy on us.	their hearts, harder
St. Stephen, first martyr	than the stones which
<i>Pray for</i>	they threw

St. Stephen, having recommended your own soul to God, cried for your enemies, Pardon them, O Lord, and punish them not for their sins,

St. Stephen, most zealous for the glory of God,

St. Stephen, most patient and constant,

St. Stephen, pattern of chastity and purity,

St. Stephen, whose heavenly fortitude caused admiration in all,

St. Stephen, by whom so many miracles were wrought,

St. Stephen, who, in the love of God, was not inferior to the Apostles themselves,

St. Stephen, who converted many to the faith of Christ,

St. Stephen, by whom the Church has received and does continually receive such singular benefits,

St. Stephen, of whom it is said, that the Holy Ghost, who inhabited your soul, shone and darted forth his rays into your body,

St. Stephen, whose face shone like that of an angel,

St. Stephen, an angel in chastity,

St. Stephen, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost,

St. Stephen, dear to the heart of Jesus,

Pray for us.

Pray for us.

LET US PRAY.

O glorious saint, faithful imitator of Jesus Christ, martyr in will and in reality, so full of charity, zeal, love, and purity, deign to intercede for us poor exiles; you who are so high in the favor of God, we do entreat you to procure for us a little spark of that divine love which animated your heart, that we too one day may have the happiness of seeing our God face to face.

Oh! obtain for us that virtue for which you were so eminent, and which in our holy vocation is particularly required—CHARITY.

Litany of St. Bernard.

Lord, have mercy on us.	with zeal for the glory of God,
Christ, have mercy on us.	St. Bernard, most ardent
Lord, have mercy on us.	for the honor of Ma-
Christ, hear us.	ry,
Christ, graciously hear us	St. Bernard most be-
God the Father of heaven,	loved son of the queen
have mercy on us.	of angels,
God the Son, have mercy,	St. Bernard, most pure
&c.	in body and mind,
God the Holy Ghost, have	St. Bernard, perfect
mercy, &c.	model of poverty and
Holy Trinity, have mercy,	mortification,
&c.	St. Bernard, most ardent
Holy Mary, Mother of	in charity to all,
God,	St. Bernard, who feared
Queen, conceived with-	God and not earthly
out sin,	powers,
St. Bernard,	St. Bernard, whose
St. Bernard, who, in giv-	whole exterior breath-
ing thyself to God,	ed holiness,
drew many souls to	St. Bernard, whose
him,	very look spoke of
St. Bernard, prodigy of	God,
the eleventh age,	St. Bernard, flower of
St. Bernard, ornament of	religious,
the clergy,	St. Bernard, who never
St. Bernard, terror of	lost sight of the pres-
heretics,	ence of God,
St. Bernard, oracle of the	St. Bernard, angel of
Church,	Claravallis,
St. Bernard, light of	St. Bernard, always ab-
bishops,	sented in God,
St. Bernard, most hum-	Lamb of God, &c.
ble,	
St. Bernard, burning	

three times.

LET US PRAY.

O Great saint! who, from the very dawn of life, turned all the powers of thy soul, and the noble affections of thy pure and loving heart, towards thy Creator; angel clothed in mortal flesh, who appeared in this valley of tears as a bright lily of purity, to shed around thee the good odor of Christ, to show to all the beauty of virtue, and to point out to thousands the way to heaven —O pray for us, that, truly despising all terrestrial objects, we may live to God alone. Amen.

Devotions to St. Aloysius.

After the canonization of the angelical youth Aloysius, which was decreed by his Holiness Benedict XIII., with a particular view, among many other laudable motives, to offer to the imitation and veneration, especially of young persons, a youth most conspicuous for his innocence of life; the younger persons were not the only votaries of a saint, who seemed to be appointed their peculiar patron. The devotion soon became general and common to all. In order to promote and encourage the same, Clement XII. extended the plenary indulgence granted by his predecessor, to any one who on his feast should go to his altar; and to those also who should pray before an altar, where his feast happened to be kept.

Heaven seemed to give its sanction to this zeal of the faithful, by frequent and wonderful favors obtained through his powerful intercession, and the pious custom of assigning six Sundays without intermission, in honor of the saint, and in memory of the six years he had lived in the Society of Jesus, was introduced and observed. How agreeable this devotion was, St. Aloysius has shown by many and very signal mercies bestowed on his clients; so that the same Clement XII., as he speaks himself, to nourish so salutary a practice towards St. Aloysius, approved from heaven by many favors, as well spiritual as temporal has granted plenary indulgences on each of the above Sundays to them, who, by true and sincere repentance, by a worthy communion, by a serious application to mental or vocal prayer, and other good works of piety, performed in honor of the saint and directed to the greater glory of God, shall sanctify the said days.

The manner of performing the devotion of the six Sundays, preceding his festival, is as follows:

1. On each of these Sundays let the person who performs this devotion, choose St. Aloysius for his patron, and receive the Sacraments of penance and the holy Eucharist.

2. On each of the Sundays, let him be present either at some confraternity or sodality, or at least hear a Mass in honor of the Saint.

3. Let him recite on each of the Sundays, either before some image of the Saint, or in the church, six Paters and Aves, with the Gloria Patri, the Litany of the Saint &c.

4. Let him perform some work of mercy, spiritual or corporal, according to his ability, and as his devotion shall suggest.

5. Let him spend some time in meditating, and for the subject of his meditation on each of the Sundays, let him take one of the virtues, which St. Bonaventure finds expressed in the wings of the Seraphim, seen by the prophet Isaiah. These virtues are: compunction of heart, purity of mind, love of God, and love of our neighbor. With these virtues, as with so many wings, did the angelical youth, Aloysius, fly to that height of perfection, so as to resemble, in some manner, the very angels themselves.

THE DEVOUT CLIENT'S ADDRESS TO ST. ALOYSIUS.

Angelical youth, Aloysius, by the particular appointment of God's vicar upon earth, patron of those who apply to studies: thou who hast illustrated the Church by a holy contempt of an earthly principality, but more by the innocence of thy manners, sanctity of thy life, and glory of thy miracles, allow me, from this day, to choose and adopt thee, patron and protector of my life and studies, firmly resolved to follow the example and pattern as well of piety as of industry, thou hast put before me. For the love thou hadst for Christ crucified, and his most blessed Mother, receive me as thy client and obedient servant: aid and assist me in the pursuit of virtue and learning; nourish and increase in me a purity of body and mind; turn off the snares laid against my chastity; ward and defend me against the dangers of the world; inspire my heart with a true and filial confidence in the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of good counsel: govern and direct me in my choice of a state of life, and let the grace of God be my perpetual defence against all

mortal sin: that as thou always livedst in a purity and integrity truly angelical, so assisted by thy patronage, and aided by the grace of God, I may live chastely and holily in this world, and deserve to be associated with thee and joined to the company of the angels in heaven. Amen.

Recite six Paters and Aves, with the Gloria Patri

Litany of St. Aloysius Gonzaga.

Lord, have mercy.	Model of humility,	
<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>	Lover of poverty,	
Christ, have mercy.	Perfect in obedience,	
<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>	Admirable in patience,	
Lord, have mercy.	Despiser of riches,	
<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>	Enemy of vanities,	
Christ, hear us.	Scorner of dignities,	
<i>Christ, graciously hear us.</i>	Honor of princes,	
God the Father of heav-	Gem of nobility,	
en,	Flower of innocence,	
God the Son, Redeemer	Mirror of mortification,	
of the world,	Brilliant ornament of the	
God the Holy Ghost,	Company of Jesus,	
Holy Trinity, one God,	Most tenderly devout,	
Holy Mary,	Most zealous observer	
Holy Virgin of virgins,	of thy rule,	
Holy Mother of God,	Most desirous of the	
St. Aloysius Gonzaga,	salvation of souls,	
Full of the benedictions	Particular client of St	
of God,	Ignatius,	
filled with the Holy	Most worthy confessor	
Ghost,	of Jesus Christ,	
Most beloved of Christ,	Most constant adorer of	
Delight of the Blessed	the Holy Eucharist,	
Virgin,	Most devoted servant of	
Most chaste youth,	the Blessed Virgin,	
Angelical youth,	All-powerful in heaven,	

Have, &c.

Pray for us.

Pray for us

Vanquisher of demons,
 Glory of youth,
 Patron of young stu-
 dents,

Mirror of virgins,
 Most sweet comforter
 of the afflicted,

Most sure resource of
 the sick,

Burning light of the
 Church,

Powerful worker of mir-
 acles,

Our aid and our protec-
 tor,

Be merciful.

Spare us, O Lord.

Be merciful.

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

From the lust of the eyes,

From the lust of the flesh,

From the pride of life,

By the merits and inter-
 cession of St. Aloy-
 sius,

By his angelical purity,

By his sanctity and glory,

Lamb of God, who takest

away the sins of the

world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest

away the sins of the

world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest

away the sins of the

world,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

V. Pray for us. St. Aloy-
 sius.

R. That we may be made
 worthy of the promises of
 Christ.

Let us pray.

O most holy Aloysius,
 who wast so happy as to
 be preserved, even from thy
 childhood, pure from all the
 contagions of the world,
 and didst constantly live for
 God alone; obtain for us
 by thy prayers, we beseech
 thee, that we may be able
 to die continually to this
 wicked world, and serve
 God with ardor and fidelity.
 Look in pity on our miseries,
 and by thy protection keep
 us ever firmly attached to
 the law of the Lord. Ex-
 tend over us thy favoring
 hand, and be our blessed
 succor, that by thy help we
 may escape the innumerable
 dangers of the world, and
 the cruel enemies of our
 salvation. Direct our hearts
 in the way of all those vir-
 tues of which thou hast
 given us so many and so
 just examples, to the end
 that, following in thy
 steps, we may be found
 worthy to praise God with
 thee on earth, and to chant

nis mercies through all eternity.

O holy Aloysius, adorned with angelic graces, I, thy most unworthy and devoted servant, recommend to thee especially the chastity of my soul and body. I beseech thee, by thy angelic purity, to commend me to the immaculate Lamb, Christ Jesus, and to his most holy Mother, Virgin of virgins, and to preserve me from every grievous sin. Permit me not to defile myself with

any stain of impurity; and when thou shalt see me in temptation, or in danger of sinning, drive far from my heart all unclean thoughts and affections, and, awakening in me the remembrance of eternity and of Jesus crucified, engrave deeply in my heart a holy fear of God, and inflame me with divine love; so that, by imitating thee on earth, I may merit to be associated with thee in the enjoyment of God in heaven. Amen.

Litany of St. Alphonsus Liguori

Lord, have pity on us.

Christ, have pity on us.

Lord, have pity on us.

Christ, hear us: Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father, from heaven, have pity on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have pity on us.

God the Holy Ghost, have pity on us.

Holy Trinity, who art one

only God, have pity on us.

Holy Mary, Virgin Immaculate, pray for us.

Saint Alphonsus, model of piety from tenderest youth, pray for us

Saint Alphonsus, preserved even till death from mortal sin,

Despiser of the riches and vanities of the world,

Always subject to the voice of Divine Providence,

Rich in the treasures of Christian poverty,

Model of patience in pains and afflictions,

Model of meekness and of resignation in contradictions,

Burning with a holy zeal for the salvation of souls,

Pray for us

Scourge of heresies,
 Defende. of the Cath. lic
 Faith,
 Always occupied in evan-
 gelizing the poor,
 Tender comforter of the
 afflicted,
 Instructed in the divine
 art of converting sin-
 ners,
 Enlightened guide in the
 path of perfection,
 Who became all things
 to all men, to gain all
 to Jesus Christ,
 New ornament of reli-
 gion,
 Bold champion of eccle-
 siastical discipline,
 Model of submission and
 devotion to the Sove-
 reign Pontiff,
 Who watched unceas-
 ingly over the flock
 committed to you,
 Full of solicitude to pro-
 cure the common good
 of the Church,
 Glory of the Priest-
 hood and of the Epis-
 copate,
 Shining mirror of all
 virtues,
 Full of tenderest love for
 the Infant Jesus,
 Inflamed with divine heat
 in offering the Holy
 Sacrifice,
 Fervent worshipper of

Pray for us.

Jesus Christ in the
 Holy Eucharist,
 Penetrated with lively
 grief at the meditation
 of the sufferings of our
 Divine Saviour,
 Specially devoted to the
 worship of Mary,
 Honored by the appari-
 tion of the Blessed
 Virgin, while preach-
 ing in her honor,
 Of angelic life and purity,
 True Patriarch in your
 paternal solicitude for
 the people of God,
 Endowed with the gift
 of prophecy and mira-
 cles,
 Apostle by the extent
 and fruit of your la-
 bors,
 Martyr through your un-
 heard of austerities,
 Confessor by your writ-
 ings full of the Spirit
 of God,
 Virgin by purity of body
 and soul,
 Founder of the Order of
 the Most Holy Re-
 deemer,
 Model of Missionaries,
 Our tender father and
 powerful protector,
 Lamb of God, who takest
 away the sins of the
 world
 Pardon us, O Lord.

Pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world.

Hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

Have pity on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

Pray for us, St. Alphonsus Liguori!

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PRAYER.

I present myself, O Saint Alphonsus, before you, who were so inflamed with love for your neighbor, and so

burning with zeal to procure the grace of conversion for sinners. Humbly prostrate at your feet, I implore your effectual protection; obtain for me, I beg of you, a true contritor for my sins, and the entire reformation of my life. Once more, make my heart become, and remain forever, kindled with love for God, and for the Most Holy Virgin Mary, for whom you had so tender a devotion. Obtain me the grace to walk in the ways of holiness and justice, that I may one day merit to enjoy my God with you eternally in heaven. Amen.

A Prayer for Guidance into Truth.*

God of all goodness, almighty and eternal, Father of mercies, and Saviour of mankind; I implore thee, by thy sovereign goodness, to enlighten my mind and to touch my heart, that, by means of true faith, hope, and charity, I may live and die in the true religion of Jesus Christ. I confidently believe that, as there is but one God, there can be but one faith, one religion, one only path to salvation, and that every other path opposed thereto can lead but to perdition. This path, O my God, I anxiously seek after, that I may follow it, and be saved. Therefore, I protest before thy Divine Majesty, and I swear by

* Composed by F. Thayer, a minister of the Anglican Church, when he was yet in doubt and uncertainty, and in the use of which he obtained for himself the gift of faith.

all thy Divine attributes, that I will follow the religion which thou shalt reveal to me as the true one, and will abandon, at whatever cost, that wherein I shall have discovered errors and falsehood. I confess that I do not deserve this favor for the greatness of my sins, for which I am truly penitent, seeing they offend a God who is so good, so holy, and so worthy of love; but what I deserve not, I hope to obtain from thine infinite mercy; and I beseech thee to grant it unto me through the merits of that precious blood, which was shed for us sinners by thine only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, &c. Amen.

The Form of Reconciling a Convert, and of absolving him from Excommunication.

The priest, sitting before the middle of the altar, with his back to the altar, addresses the convert kneeling in front of him.

Then, kneeling before the middle of the altar, he says, alternately with the assistants, the Veni Creator Spiritus, p. 997.

V. Emitte Spiritum tuum, et creabuntur.

R. Et renovabis faciem terræ.

V. Send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

R. And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Oremus.

Deus, qui corda fidelium Sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti, da nobis in eodem Spiritu recta sapere, et de ejus semper consolatione gaudere. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

Let us pray.

O God, who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of thy Holy Spirit, grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord.

Then, sitting down, with his head covered, he says, alternately with the assistants,

Psalm 1. *Miserere.*

Miserere mei, Deus: secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.

Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum: dele iniquitatem meam.

Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea: et a peccato meo munda me.

Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco: et peccatum meum contra me est semper.

Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci: ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis, et vincas cum judicaris.

Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum: et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.

Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti: incerta et occulta sapientiæ tuæ manifestasti mihi.

Asperges me hyssopo, et mundabor: lavabis me et super nivem dealbabor.

Auditui meo dabis gau-

1 Have mercy upon me, O God: according to thy great mercy.

2 And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies: blot out my iniquity.

3 Wash me yet more from my iniquity: and cleanse me from my sin.

4 For I acknowledge my iniquity: and my sin is all ways before me.

5 Against thee only have I sinned, and done evil in thy sight: that thou mayest be justified in thy words, and mayest overcome when thou art judged.

6 For behold, I was conceived in iniquities: and in sins did my mother conceive me.

7 For behold, thou hast loved truth: the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest unto me.

8 Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

9 Thou shalt make me

animum et lætitiā: et exultabunt ossa humiliata.

Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis: et omnes iniquitates meas dele.

Cor mundum crea in me, Deus: et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis.

Ne projicias me a facie tua: et Spiritum Sanctum tuum ne auferas a me.

Redde mihi lætitiā salutaris tui: et spiritu principali confirma me.

Docebo iniquos vias tuas: et impii ad te convertentur.

Libera me de sanguinibus, Deus, Deus salutis meæ: et exultabit lingua mea justitiam tuam.

Domine, labia mea aperies: et os meum annuntiabit laudem tuam.

Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium, dedissem utique: holocaustis non delectaberis.

Sacrificium Deo spiritus contritulus: cor contritum et humilatum, Deus, non despicies.

hear of joy and gladness: and the bones that were humbled shall rejoice.

10 Turn away thy face from my sins: and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

12 Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

13 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation: and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

14 I will teach the unjust thy ways: and the wicked shall be converted unto thee.

15 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall extol thy justice.

16 Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord: and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

17 For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would surely have given it: with burnt-offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

18 The sacrifice of God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humble heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Benigne fac, Domine, in
bona voluntate tua Sion:
ut ædificentur muri Jerusa-
lem.

Tunc acceptabis sacrifi-
cium justitiæ, oblationes, et
holocausta: tunc imponent
super altare tuum vitulos.

Gloria, &c

Then he rises, and uncovering his head, says,

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Pater noster (*secreto*).

Et ne nos inducas in ten-
tationem.

R. Sed libera nos a ma-
lo.

V. Salvum fac servum
tuum (*vel ancillam tuam*).

R. Deus meus, speran-
tem in te.

V. Nihil proficiat inimi-
cus in eo (*vel in ea*).

R. Et filius iniquitatis
non apponat nocere ei.

V. Esto ei, Domine, tur-
ris fortitudinis.

R. A facie inimici.

V. Domine, exaudi ora-
tionem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te
veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

19 Deal favourably O
Lord, in thy good will with
Sion: that the walls of Je-
rusalem may be built up.

20 Then shalt thou ac-
cept the sacrifice of justice,
oblations, and whole burnt
offerings: then shall they
lay calves upon thine altars.

Glory, &c.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Our Father (*secretly*).

And lead us not into
temptation.

R. But deliver us from
evil.

V. O Lord, save thy ser-
vant (*or thine handmaid*).

R. Who hopeth in thee,
O my God.

V. Let not the enemy
prevail against him.

R. Nor the son of ini-
quity approach to hurt him.

V. Be unto him, O Lord,
a tower of strength.

R. From the face of the
enemy.

V. O Lord, hear my
prayer.

R. And let my cry come
unto thee.

V. The Lord be with
you.

R. And with thy spirit

Oremus.

Let us pray

Deus, cui proprium est
 misereri semper et parcere,
 suscipe deprecationem nos-
 tram, ut hunc famulum tu-
 um quem excommunica-
 tionis sententia constringit,
 misericordie tuæ pietatis
 clementer absolvat. Per
 Christum Dominum nos-
 trum

O Lord, whose property
 is always to have mercy
 and to spare, receive our
 supplication, that this thy
 servant, whom the sentence
 of excommunication doth
 bind, the compassion of thy
 goodness may mercifully
 absolve. Through Christ
 our Lord.

*After this the convert pronounces his profession of faith in
 this form.**

I, N. N., with a firm faith believe and profess all and every one of those things which are contained in that creed which the holy Roman Church maketh use of. To wit: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible: and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages; God of God; Light of light; true God of the true God; begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered, and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: he ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of the Father, and shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; of whose kingdom there shall be no end. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and the life-giver, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son: who, together with the Father and the Son, is adored and glorified; who speaketh

* This is commonly called the Creed of Pope Pius IV.

by the prophets. And in one holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

I most steadfastly admit and embrace the apostolica and ecclesiastical Traditions, and all other observances and constitutions of the same Church.

I also admit the holy Scriptures, according to the sense which our holy mother the Church hath held and doth hold, to whom it belongeth to judge of the true sense and interpretation of the Scriptures: neither will I ever take and interpret them otherwise than according to the unanimous consent of the Fathers.

I also profess that there are truly and properly Seven Sacraments of the new law, instituted by Jesus Christ our Lord, and necessary for the salvation of mankind, though not all for every one: to wit, Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Penance, Extreme Unction, Order, and Matrimony: and that they confer grace: and that of these, Baptism, Confirmation, and Order cannot be repeated without sacrilege. I also receive and admit the received and approved ceremonies of the Catholic Church, used in the solemn administration of the aforesaid sacraments.

I embrace and receive all and every one of the things which have been defined and declared in the holy Council of Trent concerning original sin and justification.

I profess, likewise, that in the Mass there is offered to God a true, proper, and propitiatory sacrifice for the living and the dead. And that in the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist there is truly, really, and substantially the Body and Blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ; and that there is made a conversion of the whole substance of the bread into the Body, and of the whole substance of the wine into the Blood; which conversion the Catholic Church calleth Transubstantiation. I also confess that under either kind alone Christ is received whole and entire, and a true sacrament.

I constantly hold that there is a Purgatory, and that the souls therein detained are helped by the suffrages of the faithful.

I likewise, that the Saints reigning together with Christ are to be honored and invoked, and that they offer prayers to God for us, and that their relics are to be had in veneration.

I most firmly assert that the Images of Christ, of the Mother of God ever Virgin, and also of other Saints, ought to be had and retained, and that due honor and veneration are to be given them.

I also affirm that the power of Indulgences was left by Christ in the Church, and that the use of them is most wholesome to Christian people.

I acknowledge the Holy, Catholic, Apostolic, Roman Church for the mother and mistress of all Churches; and I promise true obedience to the Bishop of Rome, successor of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, and Vicar of Jesus Christ.

I likewise undoubtingly receive and profess all other things delivered, defined, and declared by the sacred canons and General Councils, and particularly by the holy Council of Trent. And I condemn, reject, and anathematize all things contrary thereto, and all heresies which the Church hath condemned, rejected, and anathematized.

I, N. N., do at this present freely profess and sincerely hold this true Catholic faith, out of which no one can be saved: and I promise most constantly to retain and confess the same entire and inviolate, by God's assistance, to the end of my life.

Then, after the recitation of the Confiteor, the priest gives the usual Absolution, as at p. 271, and proceeds thus:

Dominus noster Jesus	May our Lord Jesus
Christus te absolvat, et ego	Christ absolve thee, and I,
in auctoritate ipsius absolvo te	by his authority, absolve
a vinculo excommunicatio-	thee from the chain of ex-
nis in quam incurristi prop-	communicatio, which thou

ter (tale factum, vel causam) et restituo te communioni et unitati fidelium, et sanctis sacramentis ecclesiae, in nomine Patris ✠, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

hast incurred for (such an action, or cause), and restore thee to the communion and unity of the faithful, and to the holy sacraments of the Church, in the name of the Father ✠, and of the Son, &c.

Then is said the Te Deum, p. 861.

Which being ended, the priest, standing up, says.

V. Benedictus es, Domine, in firmamento cœli.

V. Blessed art thou. O Lord, in the firmament of heaven.

R. Et laudabilis et gloriosus in sæcula.

R. And worthy to be praised and glorious forever.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

R. And with thy spirit.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui dedisti famulis tuis in confessione veræ fidei, æternæ Trinitatis gloriam agnoscere, et in potentia majestatis adorare unitatem: quæsumus, ut ejusdem fidei firmitate ab omnibus semper muniamur adversis. Per Christum Dominum nostrum

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given to thy servants, in the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of majesty to adore the unity; grant, we beseech thee, that, by steadfastness in this faith, we may ever be defended from all adversities. Through, &c.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Benedicamus Domino

V Let us bless the Lord

R. Deo gratias.	R. Thanks be to God.
Benedictio Dei omnipotentis, Patris ✠, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, descendat super vos, et maneat semper.	The blessing of God Almighty, of the Father ✠, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, descend upon you, and abide forever
R. Amen	R. Amen.

Instructions and Devotions for the Sick.

If you are attacked by any serious illness, let your first care be to send for your spiritual physician, and settle the state of your soul. This is much better done in the beginning of sickness than afterwards, when the strength of fever, or the nature of the remedies, may render a person absolutely unfit for so great a work. Sickness is often sent for a punishment of sin, and therefore a sincere repentance and confession of sin are often a more effectual means of recovery than any other.

2. If you have not already made your Will, as in prudence you ought, let this also be done in the beginning of your sickness; that so, having settled your temporal affairs, you may apply your soul without disturbance to the spiritual.

3. Engage your best friends to give you timely notice if your illness be dangerous; and not to flatter you with hopes of life, when there are little or no grounds for hope. Make the best you can of that time which, perhaps, is to be your last. Admit but of few visits, nor of any discourse but such as may be for your soul's profit.

4. Take proper care for the discharge of your debts, and all other obligations incumbent upon you; and this as much as may be in the beginning also of your sickness. Forgive all those who have in any way injured you, and ask pardon of those whom you have injured.

5. Receive your sickness from the hand of God, with a perfect resignation to his holy will, as a just punishment of your offences; frequently offer yourself up to him, and beg that he will give you patience, and sanctify your sufferings, and that he will accept of all your pains and uneasiness, in union with the sufferings of you. Saviour Jesus Christ, in deduction of the punishment due to your sins.

6. Often procure some friends to read to you such prayers as are most affecting and proper for your present condition, especially the Penitential Psalms, the Litanies, Acts of the Love of God, of Patience and Resignation, &c.

7. Have the Crucifix, or a picture of Christ crucified, always before your eyes; think often upon his passion, hide yourself in spirit in his wounds, and embrace his feet with all the affection of your soul.

8. Aim, as much as you can, at a penitential spirit during your sickness; often cry to God for mercy, and make frequent acts of contrition for your sins. St. Augustine used to say, that no Christian, however innocent his life might have been, ought to venture to die in any other state than that of a penitent.

A Prayer proper to be daily repeated in time of Sickness

O Lord Jesus Christ, behold I receive this sickness, with which thou art pleased to visit me, as coming from thy fatherly hand. It is thy will it should be thus with me, and therefore I submit: thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. May this sickness be to the honor of thy holy name, and for the good of my soul. For this end, I here offer myself with an entire submission to all thine appointments, to suffer whatever thou pleasest, as long as thou pleasest, and in what manner thou pleasest; for I am thy creature, O Lord, who have most ungratefully offended thee; and since my sins have a long time cried aloud to heaven for justice, why should I now complain if I feel thy hand upon me?

But rebuke me not, O Lord, in thy fury, nor chastise me in thy wrath; but have regard to my weakness. Thou knowest how frail I am; that I am nothing but dust and ashes. Deal not with me, therefore, according to my sins, neither punish me according to mine iniquities; but, according to the multitude of thy most tender mercies, have compassion on me. Oh! let thy justice be tempered with mercy, and let thy heavenly grace come to my assistance, to support me under this my illness. Confirm my soul with strength from above, that I may bear, with a true Christian patience, all the uneasiness, pains, disquiets, and difficulties of my sickness.

and that I may cheerfully accept them as the just punishment of my offences. Preserve me from all temptations, and be thou my defence against all the assaults of the enemy, that in this illness I may in no way offend thee: and if this is to be my last, I beseech thee so to direct me by thy grace, that I may not neglect nor be deprived of those helps which, in thy mercy, thou hast ordained for the good of my soul, to prepare it for its passage into eternity; that, being perfectly cleansed from all my sins, I may believe in thee, put my whole trust in thee, love thee above all things, and, through the merits of thy death and passion, be admitted into the company of the blessed, where I may praise thee forever Amen.

Short Acts of the most necessary Virtues proper to be inculcated in the time of Sickness.

Lord, I accept this sickness from thy hands, and entirely resign myself to thy blessed will, whether it be for life or death. Not my will, but thine be done: thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord, I submit to all the pains and uneasiness of this my illness; my sins have deserved infinitely more. Thou art just, O Lord, and thy judgment is right.

Lord, I offer up to thee all that I now suffer, or may have yet to suffer, to be united to the sufferings of my Redeemer, and sanctified by his passion.

I adore thee, O my God and my All, as my first beginning and last end; and I desire to pay thee the best homage I am able, and to bow down all the powers of my soul to thee.

Lord, I desire to praise thee forever, in sickness as well as in health; I desire to join my heart and voice with the whole Church of heaven and earth, in blessing thee forever.

I give thee thanks from the bottom of my heart for all the mercies and blessings bestowed upon me, and thy whole Church, through Jesus Christ thy Son; and above all, for having loved me from all eternity, and redeemed

me with his precious blood. Oh, let not that blood be shed for me in vain!

Lord, I believe all those heavenly truths which thou hast revealed, and which thy holy Catholic Church believes and teaches. Thou art the sovereign Truth, who canst neither deceive nor be deceived; and thou hast promised the Spirit of Truth, to guide thy Church into all truth. "I believe in God the Father Almighty," &c. In this faith I resolve, through thy grace, both to live and die. O Lord, strengthen and increase this my faith.

O my God, all my hopes are in thee; and through Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, and through his passion and death, I hope for mercy, grace and salvation from thee. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; oh let me never be confounded!

O sweet Jesus, receive me into thine arms, in this day of my distress; hide me in thy wounds, bathe my soul in thy precious blood.

I love thee, O my God, with my whole heart and soul, above all things; at least, I desire so to love thee. Oh, come now and take full possession of my whole soul, and teach me to love thee forever!

I desire to be dissolved, and to be with Christ.

Oh, when will thy kingdom come! O Lord, when wilt thou perfectly reign in all hearts! When shall sin be no more!

I desire to embrace every neighbor with perfect charity for the love of thee. I forgive, from my heart, all who have in any way offended or injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have in any way offended.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out mine iniquity.

Oh, who will give water to my head and a fountain of tears to mine eyes, that night and day I may weep for all my sins!

Oh, that I had never offended so good a God! Oh, that I had never sinned! Happy those souls that have always preserved their baptismal innocence!

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner; sweet Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me.

I commend my soul to God my Creator, who made me out of nothing; to Jesus Christ my Saviour, who redeemed me with his precious blood; to the Holy Ghost, who sanctified me in baptism. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

I renounce from this moment, and for all eternity the devil and all his works; and I abhor all his suggestions and temptations. Oh, suffer not, O Lord, this mortal enemy of my soul to have any power over me, either now or at my last hour. Oh, let thy holy angels defend me from all the powers of darkness.

Holy Mary, pray for me.

Holy Mary, Mother of grace, Mother of mercy, do thou defend me from the enemy, and receive me at the hour of death.

O holy Angel of God, who art my guardian, stand by me and assist me.

O all ye blessed Angels and Saints of God, pray for me, a poor sinner.

Acts of the Love of God.

1. My God, my sovereign good, would that I had always loved thee!

2. My God, I detest the time in which I loved thee not.

3. How have I lived so long without thy holy love!

4. And thou, my God, how hast thou borne with me!

5. I thank thee, O my God, for so much patience.

6. Now I desire to love thee forever.

7. I would rather die than cease to love thee.

8. My God, deprive me of life rather than permit that I should cease to love thee.

9. The grace I ask of thee is, that I may always love thee.

10. With thy love I shall be happy.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

1. My God, I desire to see thee loved by all men
 2. I should consider it a happiness to give my blood, in order that all men may love thee.
 3. Blind are they who love thee not.
 4. Enlighten them, O my God!
 5. Not to love thee, O Sovereign Good, is the only evil to be feared.
 6. Never will I be of the number of those blind souls who love thee not.
 7. Thou, my God, art my joy and all my good.
 8. I desire to be wholly thine forever.
 9. Who shall ever be able to separate me from thy love!
 10. Come, all created beings; come, all of you, and love my God.
- Glory be to the Father, &c.

1. My God, would that I had a thousand hearts to love thee.
 2. Would that I had the hearts of all men to love thee!
 3. How I should rejoice were there many worlds, who might all love thee!
 4. I should be happy if I could love thee with the heart of all possible creatures.
 5. Thou, indeed, dost merit it, O my God!
 6. My heart is too poor and too cold to love thee!
 7. O woeful insensibility of man, in regard of this Sovereign Good!
 8. Oh, the blindness of worldlings, who know not how to love!
 9. O blessed inhabitants of heaven, who know it and love it!
 10. O happy necessity, to love God!
- Glory be to the Father, &c.

1. O my God, when shall I burn with love for thee!
2. O how happy would be my lot!
3. But since I know not how to love thee, I can rejoice at this, that so many others love thee with all their hearts.

4. I rejoice at this particularly, that the angels and saints love thee in heaven.

5. I unite my feeble heart to their inflamed hearts.

6. Would that I could love thee as well as those saints who have been most inflamed with love for thee.

7. Would that I had for thee a love similar to that of St. Mary Magdalen, St. Catherine, and St. Teresa.

8. Or such as that of St. Austin, St. Dominic, St. Francis Xavier, St. Philip Neri, St. Aloysius Gonzaga.

9. Or as that which was entertained for thee by the holy Apostles; and particularly by St. Peter, St. Paul, and the beloved disciple.

10. Or, in fine, as that with which the great patriarch St. Joseph loved thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

1. Would, moreover, that I could love thee as the blessed Virgin loved thee upon earth!

2. As she loved thee, particularly when she conceived thy divine Son in her virginal womb, when she brought him into the world, when she nourished him with her milk, and when she saw him die.

3. Would that I could love thee as she loves thee now, and as she will love thee forever in heaven!

4. But to love thee as thou deservest to be loved, O God, infinitely good, even this would not suffice.

5. I should wish, moreover, to love thee as the Divine Word, made Man, loved thee.

6. As he loved thee at his birth.

7. As he loved thee expiring on the cross.

8. As he loves thee continually in the tabernacle where he lies hid.

9. As he loves, and shall love thee forever.

10. In fine, my God, I wish to love thee as thou lovest us; but since that is impossible, grant that I may love thee as well as I know how, as much as I can, and as much as thou wishest me. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Then say the following prayer :

O God, who hast prepared invisible rewards for those who love thee, pour forth some of thy love into our hearts, to the end that, loving thee in all and above all, we may obtain the accomplishment of thy promises which surpass all desire; through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.*

In Suffering.

O Lord Jesus Christ, accept my sufferings, which I desire to unite with thine; sanctify this affliction, so that every pain I feel may purify my soul, and bring it nearer unto thee. O Lord Jesus Christ, I beseech thee to give me such love for thee, that I may love the very sufferings that will take me sooner to thee. Only stand thou by me with thy supporting grace, and then order for me what thou pleasest. Come now to my help, and so purify my soul, that it may not require the cleansing fire of purgatory, but fly to the embraces of thy love forever Amen.

A Protestation concerning Death.

O my God, prostrate in thy presence, I worship thee; and I desire to make this declaration as if I were on the point to die, and about to pass from this life to that which shall never end.

O Lord, because thou art the Truth, and canst not lie, but hast revealed it to the Church, I believe the mystery of the most holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost—three Persons, but only one God, who, judging all men according to their works, awardeth heaven to the right-

* Pius VII. by a rescript, Aug. 11, 1818, granted an indulgence of three hundred days to all the faithful who should recite, with a contrite heart, a succession of acts of the love of God, arranged in form of a crown, with five "Gloria Patri," as contained in the *Raccolta*. By saying them ten times a month for a whole year, a person may gain a plenary indulgence on any day he may choose; confession, communion, and prayers according to the Pope's intentions being supposed.

eous, and hell to sinners. I believe that the Second Person—the Son of God—became man, and died for our salvation. I believe all that the holy Catholic Church believeth and teacheth. “I believe in God the Father Almighty,” &c.

I thank thee, O Lord, that thou hast made me a Christian; and I solemnly declare that in this holy faith I desire to live and to die.

O God, my hope, trusting in thy promises, I hope to receive from thy mercy—not through my merits, but through the merits of Jesus Christ—the pardon of my sins, perseverance in thy grace, and, after this wretched life, the glory of heaven. And should Satan at my death tempt me to despair at the sight of my sins, I solemnly declare that I will always hope in thee, my only Lord and Saviour, and that I desire to die in the arms of thy goodness.

O God, worthy of infinite love, I love thee with my whole heart, and more than I love myself. I desire to die in an act of love, that so I may continue loving thee throughout endless ages in heaven. Therefore I ask this love of thee. And if, O Lord, instead of loving thee, I have hitherto despised thine infinite goodness and mercy, I am now sorry for it with my whole heart, and I will die, if thou wilt help me, bewailing and lamenting, and hating forever the sins I have committed against thee. I resolve for the future to die rather than to sin against thee. For thy sake I pardon all who have ever offended me. O my God, I cheerfully accept death and the pains which shall accompany death. I desire to unite them to the sorrows and passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to offer them to the honor of thy dominion and in satisfaction for my sins. O Lord, for the sake of the great sacrifice of himself which thy Son offered on the altar of the cross accept this sacrifice of my life, which I offer unto thee. I now, for the moment of my death, resign myself to thy divine will, solemnly affirming that I wish to die saying, “Thy will be done.”

O crucified Saviour, who, to obtain a good death for

me, didst suffer a most painful death, remember me at my last hour; remember that I am one of thy sheep, which thou hast purchased with thine own blood. O Shepherd of my soul, who alone canst guide and comfort me at that hour, when I walk through the dark valley of the shadow of death—when no one of this earth shall stand by me—when no friend shall be able to profit me—be with me then; suffer me not to lose thee for ever—cast me not off from thee. O beloved Jesus since I embrace thee now, receive me then—hide my sins in thy holy wounds—wash me in thine immaculate blood. At my last breath, I give thee my heart, my soul, and my spirit.

O happy suffering, to suffer for thee! O happy death, to die in thee!

If thou, O Lord, wilt receive my soul, O death, where is thy sting! O grave, where is thy victory!

It may be proper also, in time of sickness, to read to the sick person leisurely, and as he is able to bear it, the Passion of Christ, or some meditations on his Passion; the *Miserere*, and other Penitential Psalms: devout acts of contrition, &c.: but not too much at once, for that might fatigue him, and do him harm.

The Holy Viaticum.

THE Viaticum is the holy Eucharist administered with the intention of preparing the sick for death. This blessed Sacrament is indeed the bread of life, of which every good Christian frequently partakes during health; but when the soul is about to pass from the body, there arises a new and peculiar obligation of receiving it. This obligation is founded on the abundant graces which this holy Sacrament, above all the rest, is capable of imparting, and which are at that time so necessary. It is the safeguard that must preserve the soul on its journey to heaven, it is the pledge of immortal glory. *He that eateth this bread shall live forever.* (St. John vi.) And so urgent is the obligation of receiving it at the approach of death, that the Church dispenses with her rule in behalf of those who are dangerously sick, and allows them to communicate after having broken their fast. The sick person will therefore use his best endeavor to make a worthy preparation for this blessed Sacrament.

A short Exercise in preparation for Death, which may be used every day.

1. My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready; not my will, but thine be done. O my Lord, I resign myself entirely to thee, to receive death at the time and in the manner it shall please thee to send it.

2. I most humbly ask pardon for all my sins committed against thy sovereign goodness, and repent of them all from the bottom of my heart.

3. I firmly believe whatsoever the holy Catholic Church believes and teaches: and, by thy grace, I will die in this belief.

4. I hope to possess eternal life by thy infinite mercy and by the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ.

5. O my God, I desire to love thee as my sovereign good above all things, and to despise this miserable world. I desire to love my neighbor as myself, for the love of thee, and to forgive all injuries from my heart.

6. O my divine Jesus, how great is my desire to receive thy sacred body! Oh, come now into my soul, at least, by a spiritual communion! Oh, grant that I may worthily receive thee before my death! I desire to unite myself to all the worthy Communion which shall be made in thy holy Church, even to the end of the world.

7. Grant me the grace, O my divine Saviour, perfectly to efface all the sins I have committed by any of my senses, by applying daily to my soul thy blessed merits, and the holy unction of thy precious blood.

8. Holy Virgin, Mother of God, defend me from my enemies in my last hour, and present me to thy divine Son. Glorious St. Michael, prince of the heavenly host, and thou, my angel guardian, and you, my blessed patrons, intercede for me, and assist me in this last and dreadful passage.

9. O my God, I renounce all the temptations of the enemy, and whatsoever may in any way displease thee. I adore and accept of thy divine appointments with regard to me, and entirely abandon myself to them as most just and equitable.

10. O Jesus, my divine Saviour, be thou a Jesus to me, and save me. O my God, hiding myself with an humble confidence in thy dear wounds, I give up my soul into thy divine hands. Oh, receive it into the bosom of thy mercy. Amen.

The Order of administering Holy Communion to a Sick Person.

The Priest, on entering the sick man's room with the most holy Sacrament, says :

Pax huic domui.	Peace be to this house.
R. Et omnibus habitantibus in ea.	R. And to all who dwell therein.

Then placing the holy Sacrament, with the corporal, on a table, when the candles have been lighted, he adores upon his knees, all present doing likewise ; after which he takes holy water, and sprinkles the sick man and the bed on which he lies, saying the Asperges, as at p. 266.

After which is said the Confiteor, as at p. 271.

Then again adoring on his knees, he takes the Sacrament in his hands, and elevating it, he shows it to the sick man, saying: Ecce Agnus Dei (Behold the Lamb of God, &c.), and repeating three times, in the usual way : Domine, non sum dignus (Lord, I am not worthy, &c.)

Then communicating the sick man, he says :

Accipe. frater (vel soror,) Viaticum Corporis Domini nostri Jesu Christi, qui te custodiat ab hoste maligno, et perducatur in vitam æternam. Amen.	Receive, brother (or sister), the viaticum of our Lord Jesus Christ, that he may preserve thee from the malignant enemy, and bring thee to life everlasting. Amen.
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But if Communion is not given in the way of Viaticum, he pronounces the usual words, Corpus Domini nostri (May the body of our Lord, &c.)

The Priest then washes his fingers in silence, and the absolution is given to the sick man: after which he says:

V. Dominus vobiscum.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

R. And with thy spirit.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus, te fideliter deprecamur, ut accipieris fratri nostro (vel sorori nostræ) sacrosanctum Corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi. Filii tui, tam corpori quam animæ prosit ad remedium sempiternum: qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus per omnia sæcula sæculorum. Amen

O holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God, we earnestly beseech thee, that the most sacred body of our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, which our brother (or our sister) has now received, may be to him an eternal remedy, both of body and soul: who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

These things done, if any particle of the Sacrament remains, he genuflects, rises, and taking the Sacrament in its receptacle, he makes with it the sign of the Cross over the sick man in silence. Returning to the Church, he recites Psalm cxlviii., and other psalms and hymns, as time allows. If no particle of the Sacrament remains, the Priest blesses the sick man with his hand, in the usual way.

A Form of Thanksgiving after Communion.

Glory and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord, who, in thy sweetness, hast been pleased to visit and refresh my poor soul. Now let thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

Now thou art come to me, and I will not let thee go, now I willingly bid farewell to the world, and with joy I come to thee, my God.

Nothing more, O good Jesus, nothing more shall separate me from thee. Now I am united to thee, in thee will I live, and in thee will I die, and in thee I hope to abide forever.

Now life seems uneasy to me; I desire to be dissolved

and be with Christ; for Christ is my life and to die will be my gain.

Now I will fear no evils, though I walk in the shadow of death, because thou art with me, O Lord. As the hart panteth after the fountains of water, so doth my soul thirst after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for the fountain of living water: oh, when shall I come and appear before the face of my God!

What have I more to do with the world? and in heaven, what have I to desire but only thee, my God!

Into thy hands I commend my spirit; receive me, sweet Jesus; in thee may I rest, and in thy happiness rejoice without end. Amen.

The Sacrament of Extreme Unction.

OUR Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in his tender solicitude for those whom he has redeemed by his precious blood, has been pleased to institute another Sacrament, to help us at that most important hour on which eternity depends—the hour of death. This Sacrament is called Extreme Unction, or the Last Anointing.

Of this blessed Sacrament St. James the Apostle thus speaks: *Is any man sick among you? Let him bring in the priests of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick man, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he be in sins, they shall be forgiven him* (v. 14, 15). These words show the great and salutary graces bestowed by this Sacrament.

The Priest, in administering this Sacrament, anoints the five principal senses of the body; the eyes, the ears, the nostrils, the lips, the hands, and the feet, because these may have been employed, during life, in offending God. At each anointing he pronounces these words: "By his holy unction, and by his own most tender mercy, may the Lord pardon thee whatever sin thou hast committed by thy sight, hearing," &c.

The sick person should endeavor to prepare himself to receive this Sacrament by acts of sincere contrition for all his sins, by great confidence in the tender mercies of his Redeemer, and by a perfect resignation of himself to the holy will of God.

A Prayer before Extreme Unction.

O Lord, thou hast mercifully provided remedies for all our necessities; grant me thy grace so to use them, that my soul may receive all those good effects which thou didst intend in their institution. I desire now to be anointed, as thou hast commanded by thine Apostle; grant, I beseech thee, that by this holy unction, and the prayers of the Church, I may partake of that spirit with which Christ suffered on the cross, for thy glory, and for the destruction of sin. Give me true patience to support all the pains and trouble of my illness; give me an inward strength to resist all the temptations of the enemy; give me grace for the pardon of all my failings; give me that true light, by which I may be conducted through the shadow of death to eternal happiness; and if my health be expedient for thy glory, let this be the means to restore it. Behold, I approach to this holy ordinance with a firm faith and confidence in thy goodness, that thou wilt not forsake me in this time of my distress; but that thou wilt stand by me with thy grace, and defend me from all evil, and prepare my soul for a happy passage.

* My eyes have seen vanities; but now let them be shut to the world, and open to thee alone, my Jesus; and pardon me all the sins which I have committed by my seeing.

My ears have been open to detraction, profaneness, and unprofitable discourses; let me now give ear to thy word, to thy commandments, to thy calls; and pardon me, O Jesus, all the sins which I have committed by my hearing.

I have taken delight in the perfumes of this world, which are all nothing but corruptions; now let my heart and prayers ascend like incense in thy sight; and par-

* While the Priest is administering the Sacrament to the sick person, one of the assistants may, before each anointing, read one of the above short prayers, corresponding to the organ of sense that is next to be sanctified, that it may be repeated by the sick person.

don me, O Jesus, all the sins which I have committed by my smelling.

My tongue hath in many ways offended both in speaking and tasting; now let its whole business be to cry for mercy; and pardon me, dear Jesus, all the sins which I have committed by words, or by excesses in eating or in drinking.

My hands have been full of evil; they have wrought many follies, injurious to myself and to my neighbor; now let them be lifted up to heaven, in testimony of a penitent heart; and pardon me, O Lord, all the sins which I have committed by the ill use of my hands.

My feet have gone astray in the paths of vanity and sin; now let me walk in the way of thy commandments; and forgive me, O Lord, all the sins which I have committed by my disordered steps.

Let my heart be now thy temple, the temple of thy Holy Spirit; and pardon me all the sins by which I have banished thee from my heart, and defiled my soul.

By this holy anointing, and the power of thy grace, O God, forgive me all my sins, and convert my heart wholly to thee, that I may cheerfully submit to death, in punishment of my offences, and so enter into thy eternal rest. Amen.

The Order of Administering the Sacrament of Extreme Unction.

On arriving at the place where the sick man lies, the Priest, with the holy oil, entering the chamber, says:

Pax huic domui.

Peace be to this house.

R. Et omnibus habitantibus in ea.

R. And to all who dwell therein.

Then, after placing the oil on a table, being vested in a surplice and violet colored stole, he offers the sick man a crucifix piously to kiss; after which he sprinkles both the

chamber and the bystanders with holy water in the form of a cross, saying the Asperges, as at p. 266. Then he says.

V. Adjutorium nostrum in
domine Domini.

R. Qui fecit cælum et ter-
ram.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Introeat, Domine Jesu
Christe, domum hanc sub
nostræ humilitatis ingressu,
æterna felicitas, divina pro-
speritas, serena lætitia, cha-
ritas fructuosa, sanitas sem-
piterna: effugiat ex hoc loco
accessus dæmonum, adsint
Angeli pacis domumque hanc
deserat omnis maligna dis-
cordia. Magnifica, Domine,
super nos nomen sanctum
tuum, et benedic ✠ nostræ
conversacioni: sanctifica nos-
træ humilitatis ingressum,
qui sanctus et pius es, et per-
manes cum Patre et Spiritu
Sancto in sæcula sæculorum.
Amen.

Oremus et deprecemur Do-
minum nostrum Jesum Chris-
tum, ut benedicendo benedi-
cat ✠ hoc tabernaculum, et
omnes habitantes in eo, et
det eis Angelum bonum cus-
todem, et faciat eos sibi ser-
vire, ad considerandum mira-
bilia de lege sua: avertat ab
eis omnes contrarias potes-
tates: eripiat eos ab omni
formidine et ab omni pertur-
batione ac sanos in hoc ta-

V. Our help is in the name
of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven
and earth.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Let there enter, O Lord
Jesus Christ, into this house,
at the entrance of our humili-
ty, everlasting felicity, divine
prosperity, serene gladness,
fruitful charity, perpetual
health: let the approach of
devils flee from this place, let
the Angels of peace be pres-
ent therein, and let all malig-
nant discord depart from this
house. Magnify, O Lord, up-
on us thy holy name, and
bless ✠ our conversacion:
sanctify the entrance of our
humility, who art holy and
good, and abidest with the
Father and the Holy Ghost
forever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray and beseech
our Lord Jesus Christ, that
blessing he may bless ✠ this
tabernacle, and all who dwell
therein, and give unto them:
a good Angel for a guardian,
and make them serve him,
that they may consider the
wonderful things out of his
law. May he avert from
them all adverse powers;
may he deliver them from all
fear and from all disquiet,

bernaculo custodire dignetur.
Qui cum Patre et Spiritu
Sancto vivit et regnat Deus
in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

and vouchsafe to keep them
in health in this tabernacle.
Who, with the Father and
the Holy Ghost, liveth and
reigneth God forever and
ever. Amen.

Oremus.

Exaudi nos, Domine sancte,
Pater omnipotens, æterne
Deus, et mittere digneris
sanctum Angelum tuum de
cœlis, qui custodiat, foveat,
protegat, visitet atque defen-
dat omnes habitantes in hoc
habituaculo. Per Christum
Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Let us pray.

Hear us, O holy Lord,
almighty Father, eternal
God, and vouchsafe to send
thy holy Angel from heaven
to guard, cherish, protect,
visit, and defend all that are
assembled in this house.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(These prayers, if time will not permit, may be either wholly or in part omitted.) After which is said the Confiteor, &c., as at p. 271, except when the Sacrament of Extreme Unction is administered immediately after the receiving of the holy Viaticum.

(Before the Priest begins to anoint the sick person, he admonishes the bystanders to pray for him; and when it is convenient to do so, they recite for him the Penitential Psalms, with Litanies or other prayers, whilst the Priest is administering the Sacrament of unction;) then he says:

In nomine Patris, ✠ et
Filii, ✠ et Spiritus ✠ Sancti,
extinguatur in te omnis virtus
diaboli, per impositionem ma-
nuum nostrarum et per invo-
cationem omnium sanctorum
Angelorum, Archangelorum,
Patriarcharum, Prophetarum,
Apostolorum, Martyrum, Con-
fessorum, Virginum, atque
omnium simul sanctorum
Amen

In the name of the Father
✠, and of the Son ✠, and of
the Holy ✠ Ghost, may all
the power of the devil be
extinguished in thee, by the
imposition of our hands, and
by the invocation of all the
holy Angels, Archangels,
Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles,
Martyrs, Confessors,
Virgins, and all the Saints
Amen

Then dipping a pen or his thumb in the holy oil, he anoints the sick man in the form of a cross on the parts mentioned below, applying the words of the form as follows :

On the eyes.

Per istam sanctam unctionem ✠ et suam piissimam ✠	Through this holy unction ✠
misericordiam, indulgeat tibi	and through his most tender
Dominus quidquid per visum	mercy, may the Lord
deliquisti. Amen.	pardon thee whatever sins
	thou hast committed by seeing.
	Amen.

After every unction he wipes the anointed parts

On the ears.

Per istam sanctam unctionem ✠ et suam piissimam ✠	Through this holy unction ✠
misericordiam, indulgeat tibi	and through his most tender
Dominus quidquid per auditum	mercy, may the Lord
deliquisti. Amen.	pardon thee whatever sins
	thou hast committed by hearing.
	Amen.

On the nostrils.

Per istam sanctam unctionem ✠ et suam piissimam ✠	Through this holy unction ✠
misericordiam, indulgeat tibi	and through his most tender
Dominus quidquid per odoratum	mercy, may the Lord
deliquisti. Amen.	pardon thee whatever sins
	thou hast committed by smelling.
	Amen.

On the mouth, the lips being closed.

Per istam sanctam unctionem ✠ et suam piissimam ✠	Through this holy unction ✠
misericordiam, indulgeat tibi	and through his most tender
Dominus quidquid per gustum et locutionem	mercy, may the Lord
deliquisti. Amen.	pardon thee whatever sins
	thou hast committed by taste
	and speech.
	Amen.

On the hands.

Per istam sanctam unctionem ✠ et suam piissimam ✠	Through this holy unction ✠
	and through his most tender

miseri-cordiam, indulgeat tibi
Dominus quidquid per tac-
tum deliquisti. Amen.

der mercy, may the Lord
pardon thee whatever sins
thou hast committed by
touch. Amen.

On the feet.

Per istam sanctam unctionem ✠ et suam piissimam
miseri-cordiam, indulgeat tibi
Dominus quidquid per gres-
sum deliquisti. Amen.

Through this holy unction
✠ and through his most lov-
ing mercy, may the Lord
pardon thee whatever sins thou
hast committed by walking.
Amen.

Which being done, the Priest says :

Kyrie eleison. Christe
eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ,
have mercy. Lord, have
mercy.

Pa'ter noster, *secreto*.
Et ne nos inducas in tenta-
tionem.

Our Father, *secretly*.
And lead us not into temp-
tation.

R. Sed libera nos a malo.

R. But deliver us from
evil.

V. Salvum fac servum
tuum, Domine.

V. O Lord, save thy ser-
vant.

R. Deus meus, sperantem
in te.

R. Who hopeth in thee, O
my God.

V. Mitte ei, Domine, auxi-
lium de sancto.

V. Send him help, O Lord,
from the sanctuary.

R. Et de Sion tuere eum.

R. And defend him (ut os
Sion.

V. Esto ei, Domine, turris
fortitudinis.

V. Be unto him, O Lord, a
tower of strength.

R. A facie inimici.

R. From the face of the
enemy.

V. Nihil proficiat inimicus
in eo.

V. Let not the enemy pre-
vail against him.

R. Et filius iniquitatis, non
appropinquet nocere ei.

R. Nor the son of iniquity
approach to hurt him.

V. Domine, exaudi oratio-
nem meam.

V. O Lord, hear my pray-
er.

R. Et clamor meus ad te
veniat.

R. And let my cry come
unto thee.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Domine Deus omnipotens, qui per Apostolum tuum Jacobum locutus es, dicens: 'Infirmatur quis in vobis, inducat presbyteros ecclesiæ, et orent super eum, ungentes eum oleo in nomine Domini, et oratio fidei salvabit infirmum, et alleviabit eum Dominus, et si in peccatis sit, remittentur ei:' cura quæsumus, Redemptor noster, gratia Sancti Spiritus languores istius infirmi, ejusque sana vulnera, et dimitte peccata, atque dolores cunctos mentis et corporis ab eo expelle, plenamque interius et exterius sanitatem misericorditer redde, ut ope misericordiæ tuæ restitutus, ad pristina reparetur officia. Qui cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto vivis et regnas Deus in sæcula sæculorum Amen.

Oremus.

Respice, quæsumus, Domine, famulum tuum N., infirmitate sui corporis fatiscentem, et animam refove quam creasti: ut castigationibus emendatus, se tua sentiat medicina salvatum. Per Chris-

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray

Lord God Almighty, who hast spoken by thine Apostle James, saying: "Is any man sick among you? Let him bring in the priests of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick man; and the Lord shall raise him up: and if he be in sins, they shall be forgiven him:" cure, we beseech thee, O our Redeemer, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, the languors of this sick man; heal his wounds, and forgive his sins: drive out from him all pains of body and mind, and mercifully restore to him full health, inwardly and outwardly, that, being recovered by the help of thy mercy, he may return to his former duties. Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God, world without end Amen.

Let us pray

Look down, O Lord, we beseech thee, upon thy servant N., fainting in the infirmity of his body, and refresh the soul which thou hast created, that, being amended by chastisements,

tum Dominum nostrum.
Amen

he may feel himself saved
by thy medicine. Through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus, qui benedictionis tuæ gratiam ægris infundendo corporibus, facturam tuam multiplici pietate custodis: ad invocationem tui nominis benignus assiste, ut famulum tuum ab ægitudine liberatum et sanitatem donatum dextera tua erigas, virtute confirmes, potestate tuearis, atque ecclesie tuæ sanctæ cum omni desiderata prosperitate restituas. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

O holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God, who, by pouring the grace of thy blessing upon sick bodies, dost preserve, by thy manifold goodness, the work of thy hands, graciously draw near at the invocation of thy name, that, delivering thy servant from sickness, and bestowing health upon him, thou mayest raise him up by thy right hand, strengthen him by thy might, defend him by thy power, and restore him to thy holy Church, with all desired prosperity. Through Christ our Lord Amen

Lastly, the Priest may add some short and salutary admonitions, according to the condition of the person, whereby the sick man may be confirmed to die in the Lord, and may be strengthened to put to flight all the temptations of devils.

A Prayer after Extreme Unction

O my God, by whom I have been created, redeemed, and sanctified; who hast preserved me from many dangers, both of soul and body; who hast nourished me with the adorable Sacrament of thy Body and Blood, and granted me the grace to receive the rites of thy Church, in preference to so many others who are carried off by sudden death; for these and all other blessings which I have received from thee, I give thee most humble thanks from the bottom of my heart. And I beseech the blessed Virgin Mary, and all Saints and Angels,

with me and for me, to give thanks unto thee for all thy mercies. To thee I resign my heart. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Receive me, O dear Jesus, in thy mercy, into those loving arms, which were extended on the cross for my redemption, and admit me into the embraces of thine infinite charity. I desire not to be freed from my pains, since thou knowest what is best for me. Suffer me never to murmur; but grant me patience to bear whatever thou wilt, and as long as thou wilt. Should it be thy will to inflict greater punishments on my weak body and languishing soul than those which I now suffer, my heart is ready, O Lord, to accept them, and to suffer in whatever manner and whatever measure may be most conformable to thy divine will.

This one grace I most humbly beg of thee, that I may die the death of the just, and be admitted, after the sufferings and tribulations of this transitory and sinful life, into the kingdom of thy glory, there to see and enjoy thee in the company of the blessed, for a never-ending eternity. Amen.

The Last Blessing and Plenary Indulgence.

As the hour of death approaches—that awful hour on which so much depends—the pious Christian should fervently prepare to receive the Last Blessing and Plenary Indulgence granted to those who are near their end. For our Lord Jesus Christ promised to St. Peter (Matt. xvi.), *the keys of the kingdom of heaven*; assuring him that *whatsoever he should bind on earth should be bound in heaven, and whatsoever he should loose on earth should be loosed also in heaven*. By this power of binding and loosing, derived from St. Peter to his successors, and of them communicated (by faculty) to the pastors of souls, the latter are authorized to grant a plenary indulgence, together with a solemn blessing, to all such as are in or near their last agony. But then the dying Christian should remember well, that, in order to receive the benefit of this plenary indulgence and blessing, it is requisite that he concur on his part, by renouncing and detesting all his sins, both known and unknown, mortal and venial; by accepting with patience and resignation whatever he may have yet to suffer, and offering up his pains and

death, in union with the sufferings and death of his Redeemer, in satisfaction for his sins.

To this end the Church directs the Priest that ministers to the sick person, to put him in mind frequently to invoke the name of Jesus, and to exhort him :

1. That he firmly believe all the articles of the faith, and ~~what~~ ^{ever} the holy Roman Catholic and Apostolic Church believes and teaches.

2. That he confidently hope that our Lord Jesus Christ, in his boundless compassion, will have mercy on him ; and that, by the merits of his most holy Passion, and through the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints, he will obtain everlasting life.

3. That he love the Lord God with all his heart, and that he desire to love him more and more perfectly, with that love wherewith all the Saints and blessed in heaven love him.

4. That, for the love of God, he grieve from the heart for all offences ~~whatsoever~~ that he has committed against God and his neighbor.

5. That, for the love of God, he forgive from the heart his enemies, and all that have in any way injured him and done him wrong.

6. That he beg forgiveness of those whom he has at any time offended in word or deed.

7. That he patiently endure all the pains and discomfort of sickness, for God's sake, in penance for his sins.

8. That if God shall vouchsafe to restore him to his bodily health, he resolve henceforth, to the best of his power, to guard against sin, and to keep his commandments.

While the Priest is conferring the solemn Blessing, the following prayer may be repeated :

O my God, I once more renounce and detest all my sins. Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy. I cast myself into the arms of thy holy love, and I resign myself to thy blessed will. Receive me, I beseech thee, into the number of thy servants, ~~that~~ ^{that} I may praise thee forever. Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. Lord Jesus, receive my soul. Amen.

The Form of Conferring the Last Blessing and Plenary Indulgence.

On entering the dying man's room, the Priest says :

V Pax huic domui.	V. Peace be to this house.
R. Et omnibus habitantibus in ea.	R. And to all who dwell therein.

Then is said the Asperges, as at p. 266, after which the Priest says :

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.	V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.	R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

The Antiphon.

Ne reminiscaris, Domine, delicta famuli tui (<i>vel ancillæ tuæ</i>), neque vindictam sumas de peccatis ejus.	Remember not, O Lord, the offences of thy servant (<i>or thy handmaid</i>), and take not revenge of <i>his</i> sins.
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Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
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Pater noster, &c.

V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.	Our Father, &c.
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R. Sed libera nos a malo.	V. And lead us not into temptation.
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V. Salvum (salvam) fac servum tuum (ancillam tuam).	R. But deliver us from evil.
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R. Deus meus, sperantem in te.	V. O Lord, save thy servant (thy handmaid).
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V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.	R. Who hopeth in thee. O my God.
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R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
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V. Dominus vobiscum.	R. And let my cry come unto thee.
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R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	V. The Lord be with you.
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	R. And with thy spirit.
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Oremus.

Let us pray.

Clementissime Deus, Pater misericordiarum, et Deus totius consolationis, qui neminem vis perire in te credentem atque sperantem, secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum respice propitius famulum tuum (famulam tuam) N., quoniam (quam) tibi vera fides et spes Christiana commendant. Visita eum (eam) in salutari tuo, et per Unigeniti tui passionem et mortem, omnium ei delictorum suorum remissionem et veniam clementer indulge, ut ejus anima in hora exitus sui te judicem propitiatum inveniat, et in sanguine ejusdem Filii tui ab omni macula abluta, transire ad vitam mereatur perpetuam. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

O most gracious God, Father of mercies and God of all consolation, who wouldest that none should perish who believe and hope in thee: according to the multitude of thy mercies, look favorably upon thy servant N., whom a true Christian faith and hope commend unto thee. Visit *him* in thy salvation and through the passion and death of thy Only-begotten, graciously grant unto *him* the pardon and remission of all *his* sins, that *his* soul at the hour of its departure may find in thee a most merciful judge; and, cleansed from every stain in the blood of the same thy Son, may be worthy to pass to everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord

Then the Confiteor being repeated by one of the attendants, the Clerk, the Priest says, Misereatur. &c., as at p. 271 and then proceeds thus.

Dominus noster Jesus Christus Filius Dei vivi, qui beato Petro Apostolo suo dedit potestatem ligandi atque solvendi, per suam piissimam misericordiam recipiat confessionem tuam, et restituat tibi stolam primam, quam in baptismo recepisti, et ego, facultate mihi ab Apostolica Sede tributa, indulgentiam plenariam et remissionem

May our Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who gave to his blessed Apostle Peter the power of binding and loosing, in his most loving mercy receive thy confession, and restore to thee that first robe which thou didst receive in baptism; and by the faculty given to me by the Apostolic See, I grant to thee a

meritum peccatorum tibi concedo; In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti.

R. Amen.

Per Sacrosancta humanæ reparationis mysteria, remittat tibi omnipotens Deus præsentis et futuræ vitæ poenæ, paradisi portas aperiatur, et ad gaudia sempiterna perducatur. Amen.

Benedicat te omnipotens Deus; Pater, et Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus. Amen.

plenary indulgence and remission of all thy sins. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

R. Amen.

Through the most sacred mysteries of man's redemption, may God almighty remit to thee the pains of the present and the future life, open to thee the gates of Paradise, and bring thee to everlasting joys. Amen.

May God Almighty bless thee; Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Recommendation of a Departing Soul.

See Litany for the Dying, in page 815.

Proficiscere, anima christiana, de hoc mundo, in nomine Dei Patris omnipotentis, qui te creavit; in nomine Jesu Christi, Filii Dei vivi, qui pro te passus est; in nomine Spiritus Sancti, qui in te effusus est; in nomine Angelorum et Archangelorum; in nomine Thronorum et Dominationum; in nomine Principatum et Potestatum; in nomine Cherubim et Seraphim; in nomine Patriarcharum et Prophetarum; in nomine sancto, cum Apostolorum et Evangelistarum; in nomine sanctorum Martyrum et

Go forth, O Christian soul, from this world, in the name of God the Father almighty, who created thee; in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who suffered for thee; in the name of the Holy Ghost, who was poured out upon thee; in the name of the Angels and Archangels; in the name of the Thrones and Dominations; in the name of the Principalities and Powers; in the name of the Cherubim and Seraphim; in the name of the Patriarchs and Prophets; in the name of the holy

Confessorum; in nomine
sanctorum Monachorum et
Eremitarum; in nomine
sanctarum Virginum et om-
nium Sanctorum et Sancta-
rum Dei: hodie sit in pace
locus tuus, et habitatio tua
in sancta Sion. Per eundem
Christum Dominum nostrum.
Amen.

Apostles and Evangelists, in
the name of the holy Mar-
tyrs and Confessors; in the
name of the holy Monks and
Hermits; in the name of the
holy Virgins and of all the
Saints of God: may thy
place be this day in peace,
and thine abode in holy Sion.
Through Christ our Lord
Amen.

Deus misericors, Deus cle-
mens, Deus, qui secundum
multitudinem miserationum
tuarum peccata pœnitentium
deles, et prœteritorum crimi-
num culpas venia remissionis
evacuas; respice propitius su-
per hunc famulum tuum, N.,
et remissionem omnium pec-
catorum suorum tota cordis
confessione poscentem depre-
catus exaudi. Renova in eo,
plissime Pater, quidquid ter-
rena fragilitate corruptum,
vel quidquid diabolica fraude
violatum est; et unitati cor-
poris Ecclesiæ membrum red-
emptionis annecte. Miserere,
Domine, gemituum,
miserere lacrymarum ejus;
et non habentem fiduciam,
nisi in tua misericordia, ad
tuæ sacramentum reconcilia-
tionis admitte. Per Christum
Dominum nostrum. Amen.

O God most merciful, O
God most loving kind, O God,
who, according to the multi-
tude of thy mercies, blottest
out the sins of the penitent,
and graciously remittest the
guilt of their past offences;
look favorably upon this thy
servant, N., and in thy mercy
hear *him* begging, with the
whole confession of *his* heart,
for the remission of all *his*
sins. Renew in *him*, O most
loving Father, whatsoever
hath been corrupted through
human frailty, or violated
through the deceit of the
devil; and associate *him*, as
a member of redemption, to
the unity of the body of the
Church. Have pity, Lord,
on *his* sighs; have pity on
his tears; and admit *him*,
whose only hope is in thy
mercy, to the sacrament of
thy reconciliation. Through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Commendo te omnipotenti
Deo, charissime frater, et ei,
cujus es creatura, committo;

I commend thee to al-
mighty God, dearest brother,
and commit thee to him

at cum humanitatis debitum
 morte interveniente persol-
 veris, ad Auctorem tuum, qui
 te de limo terræ formaverat,
 revertaris. Egređienti itaque
 animæ tuæ de corpore, splen-
 didus Angelorum cœtus oc-
 currat: judex Apostolorum
 tibi senatus adveniat; candi-
 datorum tibi Martyrum tri-
 umphator exercitus obviet;
 liliata rutilantium te Confes-
 sorum turba circumdet; jubi-
 lantium te Virginum chorus
 excipiat: et beatæ quietis in
 sinu Patriarcharum te com-
 plexus astringat; mitis atque
 festivus Christi Jesu tibi as-
 pectus appareat, qui te inter
 assistentes sibi jugiter inter-
 esse decernat. Ignores omne
 quod horret in tenebris, quod
 stridet in flammis, quod cru-
 ciat in tormentis. Cedat tibi
 terribissimus Satanas cum satel-
 litibus suis: in adventu tuo
 te comitantibus Angelis con-
 temniscat, atque in æternæ
 noctis chaos immane diffugiat.
 Exurgat Deus, et dissipentur
 inimici ejus; et fugiant qui
 oderunt eum, a facie ejus.
 Sicut deficit fumus, deficiant;
 sicut fluit cera a facie ignis,
 sic pereant peccatores a facie
 Dei; et justi epulentur, et
 exultent in conspectu Dei.
 Confundantur igitur et eru-
 bescant omnes tartaræ le-
 giones, et ministri Satanæ iter-
 tum impedire non audeant.
 Liberet te a cruciatu Christus,

whose creature thou art;
 that, when thou shalt have
 paid the debt of humanity by
 death, thou mayest return to
 thy Maker, who formed thee
 of the dust of the earth. As
 thy soul goeth forth from the
 body, may the bright com-
 pany of Angels meet thee;
 may the judicial senate of
 Apostles greet thee; may the
 triumphant army of white-
 robed Martyrs come out to
 welcome thee; may the band
 of glowing Confessors, crown-
 ed with lilies, encircle thee;
 may the choir of Virgins,
 singing jubilees, receive thee;
 and the embrace of a blessed
 repose fold thee in the bosom
 of the Patriarchs; mild and
 festive may the aspect of
 Jesus Christ appear to thee,
 and may he award thee a
 place among them that stand
 before him forever. Mayest
 thou never know whatever
 is terrifying in darkness, dis-
 mal in the roaring of flames,
 or excruciating in torments.
 May foulest Satan, with his
 crew, give way before thee
 may he tremble at thy com-
 ing among Angels that attend
 thee, and flee away into the
 vast chaos of eternal night.
 Let God arise, and let his
 enemies be scattered; let
 them also that hate him flee
 before his face. Like as the
 smoke vanisheth, so let them
 fall away; and like as wax

qui pro te crucifixus est. Liberet te ab æterna morte Christus, qui pro te mori dignatus est. Constituat te Christus, Filius Dei vivi, intra paradisi sui semper amœnæ virentiæ, et inter oves suas te verus ille Pastor agnoscat. Ille ab omnibus peccatis tuis te absolvat; atque ad dexteram suam in electorum suorum te sorte constituat. Reipsum tuum facie ad faciem videas, et præsens semper assistens, manifestissimam beatis oculis aspicias veritatem. Constitutus igitur inter agmina beatorum, contemplationis divinæ dulcedine potiaris in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God; but let the just revel and exult before Him. May, then, all the legions of hell be confounded and put to shame, and the ministers of Satan never dare to stop thy way. May Christ, who was crucified for thee, deliver thee from torments. May Christ, who vouchsafed to die for thee, deliver thee from everlasting death. May Christ, the Son of the living God, place thee within the ever-verdant gardens of his paradise, and may he, the true Shepherd, acknowledge thee among his sheep. May he absolve thee from all thy sins, and place thee at his right hand in the lot of his elect. Mayest thou behold thy Redeemer face to face; and, standing always in his presence, gaze with blessed eyes on the open vision of truth. And set thus among the troops of the blessed, mayest thou enjoy the sweetness of divine contemplation forever and ever. Amen.

Auscipe, Domine, servum
uum in locum sperandæ sibi
salvationis a misericordia tua.

Receive, O Lord, thy ser-
vant into the place of salva-
tion, of which he hath no hope
but in thy mercy.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

Libera, Domine, animam
servi tui ex omnibus periculis
infernî, et de laqueis pœna-

Deliver, O Lord, the soul
of thy servant from all the
dangers of hell, and from the

rum, et ex omnibus tribulationibus.

R. Amen.

Libera, Domine, animam servi tui, sicut liberasti Enoch et Eliam de communis morte mundi.

R. Amen.

Libera, Domine, animam servi tui, sicut liberasti Noe de diluvio.

R. Amen.

Libera, Domine, animam servi tui, sicut liberasti Abraham de Ur Chaldæorum.

R. Amen.

Libera, Domine, animam servi tui, sicut liberasti Job de passionibus suis.

R. Amen.

Libera, Domine, animam servi tui, sicut liberasti Isaac de hostia, et de manu patris sui Abraham.

R. Amen.

Libera, Domine, animam servi tui, sicut liberasti Lot de Sodomis et de flamma ignis.

R. Amen.

Libera, Domine, animam servi tui, sicut liberasti Moysen de manu Pharaonis regis Egyptiorum.

R. Amen.

Libera, Domine, animam

snares of torment, and from all tribulations.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Enoch and Elias from the common death of the world.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Noah from the flood.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Abraham from Ur of the Chaldeans.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Job from all his sufferings.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Isaac from being sacrificed by the hand of his father Abraham.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Lot from Sodom and from the flame of fire.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Moses from the hands of Pharaoh, king of the Egyptians.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul

servi tui, sicut liberasti Danielelem de lacu leonum.

R. Amen.

Libera, Domine, animam servi tui, sicut liberasti tres pueros de camino ignis ardentis, et de manu regis iniqui.

R. Amen.

Libera, Domine, animam servi tui, sicut liberasti Susannam de falso crimine.

R. Amen.

Libera, Domine, animam servi tui, sicut liberasti David de manu regis Saul, et de manu Goliath.

R. Amen.

Libera, Domine, animam servi tui, sicut liberasti Petrum et Paulum de carceribus.

R. Amen.

Et sicut beatissimam Theclam Virginem et Martyrem tuam de tribus atrocissimis tormentis liberasti, sic liberare digneris animam hujus servi tui, et tecum facias in bonis congaudere cœlestibus.

R. Amen.

Commendamus tibi, Domine, animam famuli tui, N., precamurque te, Domine Jesu Christe Salvator mundi ut propter quam ad terram mis-

of thy servant, as thou deliverest Daniel from the den of lions.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliverest the three children from the burning fiery furnace, and from the hands of the wicked king.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliverest Susanna from false accusation.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliverest David from the hand of King Saul and from the hand of Goliath.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliverest Peter and Paul out of prison.

R. Amen.

And like as thou deliverest thy most blessed Virgin and Martyr, Thecla, from three most cruel torments, so vouchsafe to deliver the soul of this thy servant, and make it to rejoice with thee in the delights of heaven.

R. Amen.

We commend to thee, O Lord, the soul of thy servant N., and we beseech thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, that thou wouldst

arditer descendisti, Patriarcharum tuorum sinibus innuare non renuas. Agnosce, Domine, creaturam tuam, non a diis alienis creatam, sed a te solo Deo vivo et vero: quia non est alius Deus præter te, et non est secundum opera tua. Lætifica, Domine, animam ejus in conspectu tuo, et ne memineris iniquitatum ejus antiquarum, et ebrietatum, quas suscitavit furor, sive fervor mali desiderii. Licet enim peccaverit, tamen Patrem, et Filium, et Spiritum Sanctum non negavit, sed credidit, et zelum Dei in se habuit, et Deum, qui fecit omnia, fideliter adoravit.

not refuse to receive into the bosom of thy Patriarchs, a soul for whose sake thou didst mercifully come down upon earth. Acknowledge, O Lord, thy creature, not made by strange gods, but by thee, the only living and true God for there is no other God beside thee, and none that doeth according to thy works. Rejoice *his* soul, O Lord, with thy presence, and remember not the iniquities and excesses which, through the violence of anger, or the heat of evil passion, *he* hath at any time committed. For although *he* hath sinned, *he* hath not denied the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, but hath believed, and hath had a zeal for God, and hath faithfully adored the Creator of all things.

Delicta juventutis, et ignorantias ejus, quæsumus, ne memineris, Domine; sed secundum magnam misericordiam tuam memor esto illius in gloria claritatis tuæ. Aperiantur ei cœli, collætentur illi Angeli. In regnum tuum, Domine, servum tuum suscipe. Suscipiat eum sanctus Michael, Archangelus Dei, qui militiæ cœlestis meruit principatum. Veniant illi obvari sancti Angeli Dei, et perducant eum in civitatem celestem Jerusalem. Susci-

Remember not, O Lord, we beseech thee, the sins of *his* youth, and *his* ignorances; but, according to thy great mercy, be mindful of *him* in the brightness of thy glory. Let the heavens be opened to *him*, let the angels rejoice with *him*. Receive thy servant, O Lord, into thy kingdom. Let St. Michael, the Archangel of God, prince of the armies of heaven, receive *him*. Let the holy angels of God come forth to meet *him*, and conduct *him* to the city

piat eum beatus Petrus Apostolus, cui a Deo claves regni cœlestis traditæ sunt. Adjuvet eum sanctus Paulus Apostolus, qui dignus fuit esse vas electionis. Intercedat pro eo sanctus Joannes electus Dei Apostolus, cui revelata sunt secreta cœlestia. Orent pro eo omnes sancti Apostoli, quibus a Domino data est potestas ligandi atque solvendi. Intercedant pro eo omnes Sancti et Electi Dei, qui pro Christi nomine tormenta in hoc sæculo sustinuerunt: ut vinculis carnis exutus, pervenire mereatur ad gloriam regni cœlestis, præstante Domino nostro Jesu Christo, qui, cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto, vivit et regnat in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

of the heavenly Jerusalem. Let the blessed Peter the Apostle, to whom God gave the keys of the kingdom of heaven, receive *him*. Let St. Paul the Apostle, who was counted worthy to be a vessel of election, assist *him*. Let St. John, the chosen Apostle of God, to whom were revealed the secrets of heaven, intercede for *him*. Let all the holy Apostles, to whom the Lord gave the power of binding and loosing, pray for *him*. Let all the Saints and Elect of God, who, in this world, have suffered torments for the name of Christ, intercede for *him*, that, loosed from the bonds of the flesh, *he* may attain unto the glory of the heavenly kingdom, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth forever and ever.

R. Amen.

Here may be read John xvii. xviii. and xix.

After which may be said the Versicle. We adore thee, &c., and the Prayer, O God, who, for the redemption of the world, &c., at the end of the Many of the Passion, p. 692.

After which may be recited the following Psalms.

Psalm cxvii. Confitemini Domino.

Confitemini Dominum, quoniam bonus: quoniam in sæculum misericordia ejus.

Dicat nunc Israel, quoniam

1 O praise ye the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.

2 Let Israel now say, that

bonus : quoniam in sæculum misericordia ejus. he is good : that his mercy endureth forever.

Dicat nunc domus Aaron : quoniam in sæculum misericordia ejus. 3 Let the house of Aaron now say : that his mercy endureth forever.

Dicant nunc qui timent Dominum : quoniam in sæculum misericordia ejus. 4 Let them that fear the Lord now say : that his mercy endureth forever.

De tribulatione invocavi Dominum : et exaudivit me in latitudine Dominus. 5 In my trouble I called upon the Lord : and the Lord heard and enlarged me.

Dominus mihi adjutor : non timebo quid faciat mihi homo. 6 The Lord is my helper : I will not fear what man can do unto me.

Dominus mihi adjutor : et ego despiciam inimicos meos. 7 The Lord is my helper : and I will look down upon mine enemies.

Bonum est confidere in Domino, quam confidere in homine. 8 It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put confidence in man.

Bonum est sperare in Domino, quam sperare in principibus. 9 It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put confidence in princes.

Omnes gentes circuierunt me ; et in nomine Domini quia ultus sum in eos. 10 All nations compassed me about ; and in the name of the Lord I have been revenged upon them.

Circumdantes circumdederunt me : et in nomine Domini quia ultus sum in eos. 11 Surrounding me, they compassed me about : and in the name of the Lord I have been revenged upon them.

Circumdederunt me sicut apes, et exarserunt sicut ignis in spinis : et in nomine Domini quia ultus sum in eos. 12 They gathered about me like bees, and burned like fire among thorns : and in the name of the Lord I have been revenged upon them.

Impulsus eversus sum ut caderem : et Dominus suscepit me. 13 I was sore pressed and overthrown that I might fall but the Lord held me up.

Fortitudo mea, et laus mea Dominus : et factus est mihi in salutem. 14 The Lord is my strength and my praise : and he is become my salvation.

Vox exultationis et salutis,
in tabernaculis justorum.

Dextera Domini fecit virtutem, dextera Domini exaltavit me : dextera Domini fecit virtutem.

Non moriar, sed vivam : et narrabo opera Domini.

Castigans castigavit me Dominus : et morti non tradidit me.

Aperite mihi portas justitiæ ; ingressus in eas confitebor Domino : hæc porta Domini, justi intrabunt in eam.

Confitebor tibi, quoniam exaudisti me : et factus es mihi in salutem.

Lapidem, quem reprobaverunt ædificantes, hic factus est in caput anguli.

A Domino factum est istud, et est mirabile in oculis nostris.

Hæc est dies, quam fecit Dominus : exulemus, et lætemur in ea.

O Domine, salvum me fac : O Domine, bene prosperare : benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Benediximus vobis de domo Domini : Deus Dominus, et illuxit nobis.

15 The voice of joy and salvation, is in the tabernacles of the just.

16 The right hand of the Lord hath done mightily the right hand of the Lord hath exalted me : the right hand of the Lord hath done mightily.

17 I shall not die but live, and shall declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord hath chastened and corrected me : but he hath not given me over unto death.

19 Open to me the gates of justice ; I will go in to them, and give praise unto the Lord : this is the gate of the Lord, the just shall enter into it.

20 I will praise thee, for thou hast heard me : and art become my salvation.

21 The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner.

22 This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

23 This is the day which the Lord hath made : let us be glad, and rejoice therein.

24 O Lord, save me : O Lord, give good success : blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

25 We have blessed you out of the house of the Lord the Lord is God, and he hath shone upon us.

Constituite diem solemnem
in condensia, usque ad cornu
altaris.

Deus meus es tu, et confi-
tebor tibi: Deus meus es tu,
et exaltabo te.

Confitebor tibi, quoniam
auxidiasti me: et factus es
mihi in salutem.

Confitemini Domino, quo-
niam bonus: quoniam in æ-
culum misericordia ejus.

Gloria Patri, &c.

26 At point a solemn day,
with shady boughs, even to
the horn of the altar.

27 Thou art my God, and
I will praise thee: thou art
my God, and I will exalt
thee.

28 I will praise thee, for
thou hast heard me: and art
become my salvation.

29 O praise ye the Lord,
for he is good: for his mercy
endureth forever.

Glory be, &c.

Psalm cxviii. *Beati immaculati.*

Beati immaculati in via:
qui ambulant in lege Domini.

Beati qui scrutantur testi-
monia ejus: in toto corde ex-
quirunt eum.

Non enim qui operantur in-
iquitatem, in viis ejus ambu-
laverunt.

Tu mandasti mandata tua
custodiri nimis.

Utinam dirigantur viæ
meæ, ad custodiendas justifi-
cationes tuas!

Tunc non confundar, cum
perspexero in omnibus man-
datis tuis

Confitebor tibi in directione
sordis: in eo quod didici jus-
titiæ justitiæ tuæ.

Justificationes tuas custo-

1 Blessed are the undefiled
in the way: that walk in the
law of the Lord.

2 Blessed are they that
search his testimonies: that
seek him with their whole
heart.

3 For they that work ini-
quity, have not walked in his
ways.

4 Thou hast commanded
thy commandments to be
kept most diligently.

5 Oh, that my ways may
be directed, to keep thy justi-
fications!

6 Then shall I not be con-
founded, when I shall have
looked into all thy command-
ments.

7 I will praise thee in up-
rightness of heart: because I
have learned the judgments
of thy justice.

8 I will keep thy justitia

diam : non me derelinquas usquequaque.

In quo corrigit adolescentior viam suam? in custodiendo sermones tuos.

In toto corde meo exquisivisti : ne repellas me a mandatis tuis.

In corde meo abscondi eloquia tua : ut non peccem tibi

Benedictus es, Domine : doce me justificationes tuas.

In labiis meis pronuntiavi omnia judicia oris tui.

In via testimoniorum tuorum delectatus sum, sicut in omnibus divitiis.

In mandatis tuis exercebor, et considerabo vias tuas.

In justificationibus tuis me citabor : non obliviscar sermones tuos.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Retribue servo tuo, &c.ifica me : et custodiam sermones tuos.

Revela oculos meos : et considerabo mirabilia de lege tua.

Incola ego sum in terra : non abscondas a me mandata tua.

Concupivit anima mea desiderare justificationes tuas, in omni tempore.

Increpasti superbos : male-

tions : oh, do not thou forsake me utterly.

9 By what doth a young man correct his way? Even by observing thy words.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee : let me not go astray from thy commandments.

11 Thy words have I hidden in my heart : that I may not sin against thee.

12 Blessed art thou, O Lord : oh, teach me thy justifications.

13 With my lips have I pronounced all the judgments of thy mouth.

14 In the way of thy testimonies have I been delighted, as in all manner of riches.

15 I will exercise myself in thy commandments, and will consider thy ways.

16 I will think upon thy justifications : I will not forget thy words.

Glory be, &c.

17 Give freely to thy servant, and quicken thou me : and I shall keep thy words.

18 Open thou mine eyes and I shall consider the wondrous things of thy law.

19 I am a sojourner on the earth : oh, hide not thy commandments from me.

20 My soul hath ardently longed for thy justifications, at all times.

21 Thou hast rebuked the

**dicti, qui declinant a mandatis
tuis.**

**Aufer a me opprobrium, et
contemptum: quia testimo-
nia tua exquisivi.**

**Etenim sederunt principes,
et adversum me loquebantur:
servus autem tuus exerceba-
tur in justificationibus tuis.**

**Nam et testimonia tua me-
ditatio mea est: et consilium
meum justificationes tuæ.**

**Adhæsit pavimento anima
mea: vivifica me secundum
verbum tuum.**

**Vias meas enuntiavi, et
exaudisti me: doce me justi-
ficationes tuas.**

**Viam justificationum tua-
rum instrue me: et exerce-
bor in mirabilibus tuis.**

**Dormitavit anima mea præ
tædio: confirma me in verbis
tuis.**

**Viam iniquitatis amove a
me: et de lege tua miserere
mei.**

**Viam veritatis elegi: judi-
cia tua non sum oblitus.**

**Adhæsi testimoniis tuis,
Domine: noli me confundere.**

**Viam mandatorum tuorum
succurri, cum dilatasti cor me-
um.**

Gloria Patri, &c.

**proud: cursed are they who
decline from thy command-
ments.**

**22 Remove from me re-
proach and contempt: for I
have sought thy testimonia.**

**23 For princes sat and
spake against me: but thy
servant was employed in thy
justifications.**

**24 For thy testimonies are
my meditation: and thy justi-
fications are my counsel.**

**25 My soul hath cleaved
to the pavement: quicken
thou me according to thy
word.**

**26 I have declared my
ways, and thou hast heard
me: oh, teach me thy justifi-
cations.**

**27 Instruct me in the way
of thy justifications: and I
shall exercise myself in thy
marvellous works.**

**28 My soul hath slumbered
through heaviness: strength-
en thou me in thy words.**

**29 Remove from me the
way of iniquity: and out of
thy law have mercy upon
me.**

**30 I have chosen the way
of truth: and thy judgments
I have not forgotten.**

**31 I have cleaved to thy
testimonies, O Lord: con-
found me not.**

**32 I have run the way of
thy commandments, for thou
hast enlarged my heart**

Glory be, &c.

Three Devout and Profitable Prayers,

TOGETHER WITH THREE OUR FATHERS AND THREE HAIL
MARYS, TO BE RECITED FOR THE DYING IN THEIR LAST
AGONY.

Kyrie eleison. Christe
eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Pater noster. Ave Maria.

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy. Lord,
have mercy. Our Father.
Hail, Mary.

Domine Jesu Christe, per
tuam sanctissimam agoni-
am, et orationem, qua orasti
pro nobis in Monte Oliveti,
quando factus est sudor
tuus sicut guttæ sanguinis
decurrentis in terram; ob-
secro te, ut multitudinem
sudoris tui sanguinei, quem
præ timoris angustia copio-
sissime pro nobis effudisti,
offerre et ostendere digneris
Deo Patri omnipotenti, con-
tra multitudinem omnium
peccatorum hujus famuli
tui N., et libera eum in hac
hora mortis suæ ab omni-
bus pœnis et angustiiis, quas
pro peccatis suis se timet
meruisse. Qui cum Patre
et Spiritu Sancto vivis et
regnas Deus in sæculi sæ-
culorum.

R. Amen

O Lord Jesus Christ,
through thy most sacred
agony and prayer, wherein
thou madest supplication
for us on Mount Olivet,
when thy sweat became as
drops of blood trickling
down upon the ground;
vouchsafe, I beseech thee,
to offer and present to God
the Father almighty, for the
abundance of all the sins
of this thy servant N., the
abundance of thy bloody
sweat, which, from anguish
of fear, thou sheddest so
profusely for us; and de-
liver him at this his hour of
death from all the pain
and anguish which, for his
sins, he fears he hath de-
served. Who, with the Fa-
ther and the Holy Ghost,
livest and reignest God for-
ever and ever. Amen.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord have mercy. Our Father. Pater noster. Ave Maria. Hail, Mary.

Domine Jesu Christe, qui pro nobis mori dignatus es in cruce; obsecro te, ut omnes angustias et amaritudines passionum, et poenarum tuarum, quas pro nobis miseris peccatoribus sustinuisti in cruce, maxime in illa hora, quando sanctissima anima tua egressa est de sanctissimo corpore tuo, offerre et ostendere digneris Deo Patri omnipotenti pro anima hujus famuli tui N., et libera eum in hac hora mortis ab omnibus poenis et passionibus, quas pro peccatis suis se timet meruisse. Qui cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto regnas Deus in sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Our Father. Pater noster. Ave Maria. Hail, Mary.

Domine Jesu Christe, qui per os prophetæ dixisti: In charitate perpetua dilexi te, ideo attraxi te miserans tui; obsecro te, ut eandem charitatem tuam, quæ te de O Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the mouth of the prophet, hast said: I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore have I drawn thee to myself, taking pity

caelis in terram ad tolerandas omnium passionum tuarum amaritudines attraxit, offerre et ostendere digneris Deo Patri omnipotenti pro anima hujus famuli tui N., et libera eum ab omnibus passionibus et poenis, quas pro peccatis suis timet se meruisse. Et salva animam ejus in hac hora exitus sui. Aperi ei januam vitae, et fac eum gaudere cum Sanctis tuis in gloria æterna. Et tu, piissime Domine Jesu Christe, qui redemisti nos pretiosissimo sanguine tuo, miserere animæ hujus famuli tui, et eam introducere digneris ad semper viventia et amœna loca Paradisi, ut vivat tibi amore indivisibili, qui a te, et ab electis tuis numquam separari potest. Qui cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto vivis et regnas Deus in sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

on thee,—vouchsafe, I beseech thee, to offer and present to God the Father almighty, for the soul of this thy servant N., that same love which drew thee down from heaven to earth, to bear the bitternesses of thy sufferings; and deliver *him* from all the pains and sufferings which, for *his* sins *he* fears *he* hath deserved. Oh, save *his* soul at this hour of its departure. Open to *him* the gate of life, and make *him* to rejoice with thy Saints in glory everlasting. O Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful, who didst redeem us by thy most precious blood, have mercy on the soul of this thy servant, and vouchsafe to admit it into the ever-verdant gardens of Paradise, that it may live to thee in that inseparable love, by which thou art bound to thine elect, and they to thee eternally. Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest God forever and ever. Amen

Altany of the Dying.

Domine eleison.		Lord, have mercy.	
Deus eleison.		Christ, have mercy.	
Sancte eleison.		Lord, have mercy.	
Sancta Maria, Ora pro eo.		Holy Mary, Pray for him.	
Sancti Angeli et Archangeli, Orate, &c.		All ye holy Angels and Archangels,	
Sancte Abel,	Ora pro eo.	Holy Abel,	
Sanctus chorus Justorum,		All ye choirs of the Just;	
Sancte Abraham,		Holy Abraham,	
Sancte Joannes Baptista,		St. John Baptist,	
Sancte Joseph,	Ora, &c.	St. Joseph,	
Omnes sancti Patriarchæ et Prophetæ, Orate, &c.		All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,	
Sancte Petre,		St. Peter,	
Sancte Paule,		St. Paul,	
Sancte Andrea,	et	St. Andrew,	
Sancte Joannes,		St. John,	
Omnes sancti Apostoli et Evangelistæ, Orate, &c.		All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,	
Omnes sancti Discipuli Domini, Orate, &c.		All ye holy Disciples of our Lord,	
Omnes sancti Innocentes, Orate, &c.		All ye holy Innocents,	
Sancte Stephane, Ora, &c.		St. Stephen,	
Sancte Laurenti, Ora, &c.		St. Lawrence,	
Omnes sancti Martyres, Orate, &c.		All ye holy Martyrs,	
Sancte Sylvester, Ora, &c.		St. Sylvester,	
Sancte Gregori, Ora, &c.		St. Gregory,	
Sancte Augustine, Ora, &c.		St. Augustin,	
Omnes sancti Pontifices et Confessores, Orate, &c.		All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,	
Sancte Benedicte, Ora, &c.		St. Benedict,	
Sancte Francisce, Ora, &c.		St. Francis,	
Omnes sancti Monachi et Eremitæ, Orate, &c.		All ye holy Monks and Hermits,	
Sancta Maria Magdalena, Ora, &c.		St. Mary Magdalen.	
Sancta Lucia, Ora, &c.		St. Lucy,	

Pray for him.

Pray for him.

Omnes sanctæ Virgines et Viduæ, <i>Orate, &c.</i>	All ye holy Virgins and Widows, <i>Pray, &c.</i>
Omnes Sancti et Sanctæ Dei,	All ye men and women Saints of God,
<i>Intercedite pro eo.</i>	<i>Intercede for him.</i>
Propitius esto,	Be merciful,
<i>Parce ei, Domine.</i>	<i>Spare him, O Lord</i>
Propitius esto,	Be merciful,
<i>Exaudi nos, Domine.</i>	<i>Graciously hear us, O Lord</i>
Propitius esto,	Be merciful unto him,
<i>Libera eum, Domine.</i>	<i>Deliver him, O Lord.</i>
Ab ira tua,	From thy wrath,
A periculo mortis,	From the peril of death
A mala morte,	From an evil death,
A pœnis inferni,	From the pains of hell,
Ab omni malo,	From all evil,
A potestate diaboli,	From the power of the devil,
Per Nativitatem tuam,	Through thy Nativity,
Per Crucem et Passionem tuam,	Through thy Cross and Passion,
Per Mortem et Sepultu- ram tuam,	Through thy Death and Burial,
Per gloriosam Resurrec- tionem tuam,	Through thy glorious Res- urrection,
Per admirabilem Ascen- sionem tuam,	Through thine admirable Ascension,
Per gratiam Spiritus Sanc- ti Paracliti,	Through the grace of the Holy Ghost the Para- clete,
In die iudicii,	In the day of judgment,
Peccatores,	We sinners,
<i>Te rogamus audi nos.</i>	<i>Beseech thee, hear us.</i>
<i>U. ei parce,</i>	<i>That thou spare him,</i>
<i>Is rogamus audi nos.</i>	<i>We beseech thee, hear us.</i>
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
<i>Christe eleison.</i>	<i>Christ, have mercy</i>
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy

Libere eum, Domine.
O Lord, deliver him.

The Last Agony.

When the soul is about to depart from the body, then none than ever ought they who are by to pray earnestly upon their knees around the sick man's bed; and if the dying man be unable to speak, the name of Jesus shou'd constantly be invoked, and such words as the following again and again repeated in his ear:

In manus tuas, Domine,
commendo spiritum meum.

Domine Jesu Christe, sus-
cipe spiritum meum.

Sancta Maria, ora pro me.

Maria, mater gratiæ, mater
misericordiæ, tu me ab hoste
protege, et hora mortis sus-
cipe.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I
commend my spirit.

O Lord Jesus Christ, re-
ceive my spirit.

Holy Mary, pray for me.

Holy Mary, mother of
grace, mother of mercy, do
thou defend me from the
enemy, and receive me at the
hour of death.

The soul being departed, the following Responsory may be said:

R. Subvenite Sancti Dei;
occurrite Angeli Domini, sus-
cipientes animam ejus, of-
ferentes eam in conspectu
Altissimi.

R. Come to his assistance,
ye Saints of God; come forth
to meet him, ye Angels of the
Lord, receiving his soul, of-
fering it in the sight of the
Most High.

V. Suscipiat te Christus,
qui vocavit te, et in sinum
Abrahæ Angeli deducant te.

V. May Christ receive thee,
who hath called thee, and
may the Angels conduct thee
to Abraham's bosom.

R. Suscipientes animam
ejus, offerentes eam in con-
spectu Altissimi.

R. Receiving his soul, offer-
ing it in the sight of the Most
High.

V. Requiem æternam dona
ei, Domine, et lux perpetua
luceat ei.

V. Eternal rest give unto
him, O Lord, and let per-
petual light shine upon him.

R. Offerentes eam in con-
spectu Altissimi.

R. Offering it in the sight
of the Most High.

V. Kyrie eleison.	V. Lord, have mercy.
R. Christe eleison.	R. Christ, have mercy.
V. Kyrie eleison.	V. Lord, have mercy.
Fater noster.	Our Father.
V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.	V. And lead us not into temptation.
R. Sed libera nos a malo.	R. But deliver us from evil.
V. Requiem æternam dona ei Domine.	V. Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord.
R. Et lux perpetua luceat ei.	R. And let perpetual light shine upon him.
V. A porta inferi.	V. From the gate of hell.
R. Erue, Domine, animam ejus.	R. Deliver his soul, O Lord.
V. Requiescat in pace.	V. May he rest in peace.
R. Amen.	R. Amen.
V. Domine, exaudi oratio- nem meam.	V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Oremus.

Tibi, Domine, commenda-
mus animam famuli tui N., ut
defunctus sæculo tibi vivat, et
quæ per fragilitatem humanæ
conversationis peccata commi-
sit, tu venia misericordis-
simæ pietatis absterge. Per
Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

The body is then decently laid out, and a light placed before it. A small Crucifix is put in the hands of the deceased upon his breast, or the hands are themselves placed crosswise, while the body is sprinkled with holy water.

Prayers that may be used by surviving Friends.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that while we lament the departure of this thy servant, we may always be

member that we are most certainly to follow *him*. Give us grace to prepare for that last hour by a good and holy life, that we may not be taken unprepared by sudden death, but may be ever on the watch, that, when thou shalt call, we may go forth to meet the Bridegroom, and enter with him into glory everlasting. Through the name Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O most wise and merciful Lord, who hast ordained this life as a passage to the future, confining our repentance to the time of our pilgrimage here, and reserving for hereafter the state of punishment and reward; vouchsafe to us who are yet alive, and have still the opportunity of reconciliation with thee, the grace so to watch over all our actions, and to correct every slightest wandering from the true way to heaven, that we may not be surprised with our sins uncanceled, or our duties unfulfilled; but when our bodies shall go down into the grave, our souls may ascend to thee, and dwell with thee forever in the mansions of eternal bliss. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

The Litany for the Faithful Departed will be found in its place, p. 727.



The Burial of the Dead.

[The parts within brackets refer to solemn obsequies.]

The Priest, being vested in a surplice and black stole, standing at the feet of the deceased, sprinkles the corpse with holy water, and then says the antiphon:

Ant. Si iniquitates observaveris, Domine; Domine, quis sustinebit?

Ant. If thou, O Lord, shalt mark iniquities; Lord, who shall abide it?

Psalm cxxix. *De profundis* (Out of the depths, &c.). see p. 930

Ant. Si iniquitates observaveris, Domine; Domine, quis sustinebit?

Ant. Exultabunt Domino ossa humiliata.

Ant. If thou, O Lord, shalt mark iniquities; Lord, who shall abide it?

Ant. The bones that were humbled shall rejoice in the Lord.

Psalm l. *Miserere mei* (Have mercy on me, &c.), p. 766.

Requiem æternam, &c.

Eternal rest, &c.

Ant. Exultabunt Domino ossa humiliata.

Ant. The bones that were humbled shall rejoice in the Lord.

[*At solemn obsequies, the following Responsory is said or sung in the church, the corpse being there.*]

Subvenite, Sancti Dei; occurrete, Angeli Domini, suscipientes animam ejus, offerentes eam in conspectu Altissimi.

Come to *his* assistance, ye Saints of God; come forth to meet *him*, ye Angels of the Lord, receiving *his* soul, offering it in the sight of the Most High.

V. Suscipiat te Christus, qui vocavit te, et in sinum Abraham Angeli deducant te.

V. May Christ receive thee, who called thee; and may the Angels conduct thee to Abraham's bosom.

R. Suscipientes animam ejus, offerentes eam in conspectu Altissimi.

R. Receiving *his* soul, offering it in the sight of the Most High.

Requiem æternam dona ei, Domine; et lux perpetua luceat ei.

Eternal rest give unto *him*, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon *him*.

Offerentes eam in conspectu Altissimi.

Offering it in the sight of the Most High.

[*Then are said the Matins for the Dead, with three Nocturns and Lauds; and at the end of the Office, the antiphon Ego sum resurrectio (I am the resurrection, &c.) having been repeated after the canticle Benedictus, the Pater noster is said secretly.*]

Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo

V. A porta inferi.

R. Erue, Domine, animam

ejus.

V. Requiescat in pace.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Absolve, quæsumus, Domine, animam famuli tui N. ab omni vinculo delictorum, ut in resurrectionis gloria inter sanctos et electos tuos resuscitatus respiciat.

R. Amen.

[If the deceased was a priest or a bishop, the name of his dignity is expressed in the prayers.]

Then Mass is celebrated; at the end of which the Priest, placing himself before the Crucifix, at the foot of the deceased, proceeds to say the prayer, Non intres in judicium, &c., as given below.

But in private funerals, after repeating the antiphon Exultabunt Domino ossa humiliata, the Priest says, Subvenite, Sancti Dei, as above, p. 820 (without saying the Office for the Dead), as far as the prayer, inclusively, and then proceeds to say the following prayer :]

Non intres in judicium cum servo tuo, Domine, quia nullus apud te justificabitur ho-

And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. From the gate of hell.

R. Deliver his soul, O Lord.

V. May he rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Absolve, we beseech thee, O Lord, the soul of thy servant N. from all the bonds of his sins, that, rising again in the glory of the resurrection, he may enjoy repose among thy saints and elect.

R. Amen.

mo, nisi per te omnium peccatorum ei tribuatur remissio. Non ergo eum, quæsumus, tua judicialis sententia premat, quem tibi vera supplicatio fidei Christianæ commendat: sed gratia tua illi succurrente mereatur evadere iudicium ultionis, qui, dum vixerit, insignitus est signaculo Sanctæ Trinitatis: qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

justified, unless through thee remission of all his sins be granted unto him. Let not, therefore, we beseech thee, the sentence of thy judgment weigh upon *him*, whom the true supplication of Christian faith doth commend unto thee: but by the succor of thy grace, may *he* merit to escape the judgment of vengeance, who, while *he* lived, was marked with the seal of the Holy Trinity: who livest and reignest forever and ever

R Amen.

Then, a chorister beginning, the clergy standing round chant the following Response :

Libera me, Domine, de morte æterna, in die illa tremenda: Quando cœli movendi sunt et terra: Dum veneris judicare sæculum per ignem.

V. Tremens factus sum ego, et timeo, dum discussio venerit, atque ventura ira.
R. Quando cœli movendi sunt et terra: Dum veneris judicare sæculum per ignem.

V. Dies illa, dies iræ, calamitatis et miseriæ, dies magna et amara valde: R. Dum veneris judicare sæculum per ignem. Requiem æternam dona ei, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat ei.

Deliver me. O Lord, from eternal death, in that tremendous day: When the heavens shall be moved, and the earth: When thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

V. I am in fear and trembling, until the trial cometh, and the wrath to come. R. When the heavens shall be moved, and the earth: When thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

V. That day, a day of wrath, calamity, and misery; a day great and very bitter: R. When thou shalt come to judge the world by fire. Eternal rest give unto *him*, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon *his*.

V. Libera me, Domine, de morte æterna, in die illa tremenda : Quando cœli moventi sunt et terra : Dum veneris judicare sæculum per ignem.

V. Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death, in that tremendous day : When the heavens shall be moved, and the earth : When thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

Whels the above Responsory is being sung, the Priest puts incense in the thurible ; and, the Responsory being ended, a chorister with the first choir says, Kyrie eleison ; and the second choir answers, Christe eleison. Then they all say together, Kyrie eleison.

Next, the Priest says in a loud voice, Pater noster, which is said secretly by all : meanwhile he receives from the assistant the asperge of holy water ; and having made a profound inclination to the Crucifix opposite him, he goes round the bier, and sprinkles the body of the deceased thrice on each side, viz., at the feet, at the middle, and at the head : then, returning to his place, he receives the thurible from the assistant, and in like manner goes round the bier, and incenses the corpse in the same way as he sprinkled it ; or if the place is inconvenient for that purpose, he sprinkles and incenses the corpse standing in his own place ; then, returning the thurible to the assistant, he says :

V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo.

V. A porta inferi.

R. Erue, Domine, animam

ejus
V. Requiescat in pace.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. From the gate of hell.

R. Deliver his soul, O Lord.

V. May he rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you

R. And with thy spirit.

Oremus.

Deus, cui proprium est misereri semper et parcere, te supplices exoramus pro anima famuli tui N., quam hodie de hoc sæculo migrare jussisti: ut non tradas eam in manus inimici: neque obliviscaris in finem, sed jubeas eam a sanctis Angelis suscipi, et ad patriam Paradisi perducere: ut, quia in te speravit et credidit, non pœnas inferni sustineat, sed gaudia sempiterna possideat.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, whose property it is always to have mercy and to spare, we humbly beseech thee for the soul of thy servant N., which thou hast this day commanded to depart out of this world: that thou deliver it not into the hands of the enemy, nor forget it unto the end; but command it to be received by the holy Angels, and conducted into Paradise, our true country: that, as it trusted and believed in thee, it may not suffer the pains of hell, but attain unto everlasting joys.

R. Amen.

The prayer being ended, the clerks sing:

In Paradisum deducant te Angeli, in tuo adventu suscipiant te Martyres, et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem. Chorus Angelorum te suscipiat, et cum Lazaro quondam paupere æternam habeas requiem.

May the Angels conduct thee into Paradise; at thy coming may the Martyrs receive thee, and lead thee to Jerusalem, the holy city. May the Angelic choir receive thee, and with Lazarus, once a beggar, mayest thou have eternal rest.

Benediction of the Sepulchre, if it was not previously been blessed.

Oremus.

Deus, cujus miseratione animæ fidelium requiescunt, hunc tumulum benedicere dignare, eique Angelum tumulum sanctum deputa custodem; et quorum corpora hic

Let us pray.

O God, by whose compassion the souls of the faithful find rest, vouchsafe to bless this grave, and assign thereto thy holy Angel for a guard; and absolve from all the

sepeliuntur, animas eorum ab omnibus absolve vinculis delictorum, ut in te semper cum Sanctis tuis sine fine lætentur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen

bonds of sin the souls of those whose bodies are here buried, that with thy Saints they may ever rejoice in thee to all eternity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The prayer being said, the Priest sprinkles with holy water and afterwards incenses, the body of the deceased and the grave. Then he intones the antiphon :

Ant. Ego sum resurrectio et vita: qui credit in me, etiam si mortuus fuerit vivet: et omnis qui vivit, et credit in me, non morietur in æternum.

Ant. I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, although he be dead, shall live: and every one that liveth and believeth in me shall not die forever.

As a whilst blessed earth is being placed in the coffin, the Benedictus (p. 880) is sung. After which is said, Requiem æternam: and the antiphon Ego sum resurrectio is repeated.

Then the Priest says :

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.
Pater noster, &c.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Our Father, &c.

In the mean time, standing in his place, he sprinkles the corpse.

V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo.

V. A porta inferi.

R. Erue, Domine, animam ejus

V. Requiescat in pace.

R. Amen.

V. Domine exaudi orationem meam.

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. From the gate of hell.

R. Deliver his soul, O Lord.

V. May he rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. Et clamor meus ad te
veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo

R. And let my cry come
unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you

R. And with thy spirit.

Oremus

Fac, quæsumus, Domine,
hanc cum servo tuo defuncto
misericordiam, ut factorum
suorum in pœnis non recipiat
vicem, qui tuam in votis te-
nuit voluntatem: ut sicut
hic eum vera fides junxit fi-
delium turmis, ita illic eum
tua miseratio societ angelicis
choris. Per Christum Domi-
num nostrum.

R. Amen.

V. Requiem æternam dona
ei, Domine.

R. Et lux perpetua luceat
ei.

V. Requiescat in pace.

rt. Amen.

V. Anima ejus, et animæ
omnium fidelium defuncto-
rum, per misericordiam Dei
requiescant in pace.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech
thee, this mercy unto thy
servant deceased, that, hav-
ing in intention kept thy
will, he may not suffer in re-
quital of his deeds: but that,
as here a true faith joined
him unto the company of the
faithful, so there thy compas-
sion may associate him
with the choirs of Angels.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. Eternal rest give unto
him, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light
shine upon him.

V. May he rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. May his soul, and the
souls of all the faithful de-
parted, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

*On returning from the burial is said the antiphon Si iniqui-
tates observaveris (If thou, O Lord, shalt mark iniquities,
etc.), p. 319, with the Psalm De profunda, p. 380 after
which the antiphon Si iniquitates is repeated.*

The Order of the Burial of Infants.

The Priest, vested in a surplice and white stole, first sprinkles the corpse with holy water, then he says :

<i>Ant.</i> Sit nomen Domini	<i>Ant.</i> Blessed be the name
benedictum : ex hoc nunc, et	of the Lord : from this time
usque in sæculum.	forth for evermore.

Psalm cxii. Laudate pueri (Praise the Lord, ye children, &c.), p. 968.

Gloria Patri, &c.	Glory be to the Father, &c.
<i>Ant.</i> Sit nomen Domini	<i>Ant.</i> Blessed be the name
benedictum : ex hoc nunc, et	of the Lord : from this time
usque in sæculum.	forth for evermore.

Then is said :

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Pater noster, &c., <i>secreto.</i>	Our Father, &c., <i>secretly.</i>

Meanwhile he sprinkles the corpse.

V. Et ne nos inducas in	V. And lead us not into
temptationem.	temptation.

R. Sed libera nos a malo.	R. But deliver us from
	evil.

V. Me autem propter innocentiam suscepisti.	V. But me hast thou received, because of mine innocence.
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R. Et confirmasti me in conspectu tuo in æternum.	R. And hast confirmed me in thy sight forever.
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V. Dominus vobiscum.	V. The Lord be with you
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	R. And with thy spirit.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Omnipotens et mitissime Deus, qui omnibus parvulis renatis fonte baptismatis, dum migrant a sæculo, sine, ullis	Almighty and most merciful God, who, unto all little children born again in the fountain of baptism, dost im
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eorum meritis vitam illico largiris æternam, sicut animam hujus parvuli hodie credimus te fecisse: fac eos, quæsumus, Domine, per intercessionem beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis, et omnium Sanctorum tuorum, hic purificatis tibi menibus famulari, et in Paradiso cum beatis parvulis perenniter sociari. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Ant. Juvenes et virgines, senes cum junioribus, laudent nomen Domini.

mediately, without any merits of theirs, give eternal life when they depart out of this world, even as we believe thou hast done to the soul of this little child this day grant unto us, we beseech thee, O Lord, through the intercession of the blessed Mary ever Virgin; and all thy Saints, that we may serve thee here with pure minds, and be companions of the blessed little ones in Paradise forever. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Ant. Young men and maidens, old men and children, let them praise the name of the Lord.

Psalm cxlviii. *Laudate Dominum de cælis* (Praise ye the Lord from the heavens, &c.), p. 875.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Ant. Juvenes et virgines, senes cum junioribus, laudent nomen Domini.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Pater noster, &c.

V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo.

V. Sinite parvulos venire ad me.

R. Talium est enim regnum colorum.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. Young men and maidens, old men and children, let them praise the name of the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

Our Father, &c.

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. Suffer little children to come unto me.

R. For of such is the kingdom of heaven.

V Dominus vobiscum.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, sanctæ puritatis amator, qui animam hujus parvuli ad cœlorum regnum hodie misericorditer vocare dignatus es; digneris etiam, Domine, ita nobiscum misericorditer agere, ut meritis tuæ sanctissimæ Passionis, et intercessionis beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis et omnium Sanctorum tuorum, in eodem regno nos cum omnibus Sanctis et Electis tuis semper facias congaudere. Qui vivis et regnas, cum Deo Patre, in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

Almighty, everlasting God, lover of holy purity, who hast this day mercifully vouchsafed to call the soul of this little one unto the kingdom of heaven; vouchsafe, also, O Lord, to deal so mercifully with us, that, by the merits of thy most holy Passion, and by the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin, and all thy Saints, we also may evermore rejoice in the same kingdom with all thy Saints and Elect. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God forever and ever.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

Then the Priest sprinkles the corpse, as also the grave, with holy water, and incenses it: after which it is buried.

Lastly, when he returns from the burial to the church, he says the Song of the Three Children, Benedicite omnia opera, p. 873, with the Gloria Patri at the end, and the Antiphon:

Benedicite Dominum, omnes electi ejus, agite dies vestri et confitemini illi.

Bless the Lord, all ye his elect, keep days of rejoicing and give praise unto him.

Then the Priest says before the Altar.

V. Dominus vobiscum.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Deus, qui miro ordine Angelorum ministeria hominumque dispensas concede pro-

God, who dost dispense the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; merci-

pitius, ut a quibus tibi ministrantibus in cœlo semper assistitur, ab his in terra vita nostra muniatur. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

fully grant, that they who ever stand ministering before thee in heaven, may defend our life on earth. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

Prayers for the Dead.

The Psalm *Miserere* and the Psalm *De Profundis* may be used, saying, at the end of each, instead of "Glory be to the Father," &c., the versicle :

V. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

A Prayer for the Faithful departed.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that, through pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

On the day of a person's decease or burial.

O God, whose property is always to have mercy and to spare, we humbly beseech thee for the soul of thy servant N., which thou hast this day commanded to depart out of this world, that thou wouldst not deliver it into the hands of the enemy, nor forget it unto the end, but wouldst command it to be received by thy holy Angels and conducted to Paradise, its true country ; that, as in thee it hath hoped and believed, it may not suffer the pains of hell, but may take possession of eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

On the third, seventh, or thirtieth day after burial.

Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, O Lord, to admit the soul of thy servant N., the *third (seventh, or thirtieth) day*

of whose burial we commemorate, into the fellowship of thy Saints and Elect, and to pour down upon it the perpetual dew of thy mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

On the anniversary of a person's burial.

O God, the Lord of mercy and pardon, grant to the soul of thy servant N., the anniversary of whose burial we commemorate, the place of refreshment, the blessedness of rest, and the brightness of light. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For one lately deceased.

Absolve, we beseech thee, O Lord, the soul of thy servant N. from every bond of sin, that, being raised in the glory of the resurrection, he may be refreshed among thy Saints and Elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Bishop or Priest.

O God, who, amongst apostolic priests, hast adorned thy servant N. with the pontifical (or sacerdotal) dignity, grant, we beseech thee, that he may also be associated with them in everlasting fellowship. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Father and Mother

O God, who hast commanded us to honor our father and mother, have compassion, in thy mercy, on the souls of my father and mother; forgive them their sins, and grant that I may see them in the joy of eternal brightness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Friends and Benefactors.

O God, bountiful in forgiving, and lovingly desirous of man's salvation, we humbly beseech thy mercy in behalf of our friends, relations, and benefactors, who have passed from this world, that, through the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin and all the Saints, thou wouldst permit them to come to the full participation of everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For all that lie in a church or churchyard.

O God, by whose mercy the souls of the faithful find rest, mercifully grant to thy servants N. N., and to all that, here and everywhere, have slept in Christ, the pardon of their sins, that, absolved from all guilt, they may rejoice with thee for all eternity. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Man deceased.

Incline thine ear, O Lord, to our prayers, wherewith we humbly beseech thy mercy, that thou wouldst grant to the soul of thy servant N., which thou hast commanded to depart out of this world, a place in the region of light and peace, and wouldst make it the associate of thy Saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Woman deceased.

Have mercy, we beseech thee, O Lord, according to thy goodness, on the soul of thy servant N., that, being delivered from the corruptions of mortality, it may be restored to the inheritance of everlasting salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

For many deceased.

We offer to thee, O Lord, our most humble supplications in behalf of the souls of thy servants; beseeching thee, that whatever defilements they have contracted in this mortal life, thou wouldst mercifully pardon, and wouldst set them in the abode of thy redeemed and blessed ones. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, forever and ever Amen.

An Invocation of the Most Holy Trinity for the Souls in Purgatory.

O God of all goodness, Father of mercies, who, at the prayers and fastings of thy faithful people, didst vouchsafe to send thy Angels to break asunder the fetters of thy holy apostle Peter, and to open the doors of his prison; hear even also on this day the prayers and supplications of thy Church, and send thy Angel to the souls for whom we pray, that, the doors of their prison being opened wide, they may be happily received into the bosom of thy mercy. Pater, Ave, Gloria.

O Son of God, Saviour of souls, who didst refresh the three children in the burning fiery furnace, pour down upon the souls, that cry to thee from the flames, thy heavenly dew. Thy precious blood alone can quench the flames of purgatory; oh, let it now flow down upon these suffering souls, and do thou, O Lord, have mercy upon them. Pater, Ave, Gloria.

O Spirit of love, have compassion on the cruel torment which these souls endure, that are filled with the purest charity, and, aspiring without ceasing towards their God, cry aloud in their distress, "I thirst: I thirst after my God!" and yet cannot attain unto the object of their love, nor receive the least drop of that torrent of pure delights. O Holy Spirit, grant that, having felt the fiercest pangs of love, they may taste its heavenly delights in a blessed eternity. Amen. Pater, Ave, Gloria.

Seven Supplications for the Holy Souls in Purgatory:

THROUGH THE MOST BITTER PASSION AND DEATH OF CHRIST.

For every Day of the Week.

Sunday.

O JESUS, our defence and health, who for our sakes didst endure so great agonies in the garden, that thy

sweat became as drops of blood, trickling down upon the ground; through this thy most precious blood, I humbly beseech thee, have mercy on the holy souls in purgatory especially [*that soul which is most destitute*]. Deliver them from all their torments, and wipe away all tears from their eyes. (Apoc. vii. 17.) Pater, Ave, De profundis.

Monday.

O Jesus, our Redeemer and Saviour, who wast taken captive for our sins; through these thy most cruel bonds I humbly beseech thee, have mercy on the holy souls in purgatory, especially [*that soul which is nearest entering into heaven*]. Loose all the bonds of their sins, where-with human frailty hath entangled them in this life, that with joy they may sacrifice to thee the sacrifice of praise (Ps. cxv. 17.) Pater, Ave, De profundis.

Tuesday.

O Jesus, joy of my heart, who didst permit thy blessed countenance, on which Angels desire to look, to be blindfolded, spit upon, and struck with blows; through this thy incomprehensible patience, I humbly beseech thee, have mercy on the holy souls in purgatory, especially [*that soul which was to be delivered last*]. Admit them into the brightness of thy light, and fill them with joy with thy countenance. (Ps. xv. 11) Pater, Ave De profundis.

Wednesday.

O Jesus, crown of our glory, who for our pride wast lacerated with scourges, and ignominiously crowned with cruel thorns; through this thy extreme humility, I humbly beseech thee, have mercy on the holy souls in purgatory, especially [*that soul for which I am most bound to pray*]. Vouchsafe to grant that they may speedily obtain the crown of eternal glory; for thou art he that crowneth us with mercy and compassion. (Ps. ciii. 4.) Pater, Ave, De profundis.

Thursday

O Jesus, our life and resurrection, who, departing out of this world, didst leave us thy flesh and blood for meat and drink; through this thy infinite love, I humbly beseech thee, have mercy on the holy souls in purgatory, especially [*that soul which was most devout to this sacrament of love*]. Conduct them to the fountains of life, and grant that they may speedily eat and drink at thy table in thy kingdom. (Luke xxii. 30.) Pater, Ave, De profundis.

Friday.

O Jesus, our advocate and judge, who, by a most unjust judgment, wast condemned to a most bitter death, that thou mightest deliver us from eternal damnation; through the abyss of thy mercy, I humbly beseech thee, have mercy on the holy souls in purgatory, especially [*that soul which was most devout to thy Sacred Heart*]. Let them hear that word of consolation: Your iniquity is forgiven. (Is. xl. 2.) Pater, Ave, De profundis.

Saturday.

O Jesus, our highest, our only good, who didst thyself bear our sins in thy body on the wood; through this thy immense benefit, I humbly beseech thee, have mercy on the holy souls in purgatory, especially [*that soul which was most devout to Mary*]. Let the entrance to eternal glory speedily be opened to them, and let them bear with joy: Come, ye blessed of my Father, possess ye the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world (Matt. xxv. 34.) Pater, Ave, De profundis.

An Invocation to be made after the preceding Prayers.

O ye holy Angels, and all ye Elect of God, succor with your assistance the souls of the faithful departed. And do thou, above all, intercede in their behalf, and show to them thy blessed Son, O merciful, O kind, O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

To thee, most holy Virgin Mary, my Mother, do I turn in humble supplication, confidently praying to thee, and entreating thee, that, for that sword which pierced thy heart when thou sawest thy beloved Son Jesus bow his head and give up the ghost, thou wouldst succor the poor souls in purgatory, and those especially of which particular mention hath here been made. O Mother of sorrows, O Queen of martyrs, for the love of Jesus, who died for us on the cross, help us also with thy powerful prayers, who are in danger not only of falling into purgatory, but even of being lost eternally. O Mary, our dear Mother, Mother of grace, Mother of mercy, take pity upon us.

A Prayer that may be said daily.

O most gracious God, Father of mercies, God of infinite goodness, behold me humbly prostrate before thy throne: I pray and beseech thee to have mercy upon the holy souls in purgatory; cast a propitious look upon them, especially N. and N.; deliver them from their sufferings, and put them in possession of their everlasting inheritance. Remember that they are the works of thy hand, purchased by the most precious blood of thy divine Son Jesus, and show thy infinite mercy upon them. Hear, O Lord, the prayers that I put up to thee with confidence, through the merits of the passion and death of Jesus, thy most beloved Son, that they may receive their consolation, and enjoy without delay that immortal glory which thou hast prepared for thine elect. So I hope, and so let it be.

O eternal Father, for the most precious blood of Jesus and for the most bitter dolours of Mary have pity and compassion upon the souls in purgatory. Amen.

A Chaplet for the Souls in Purgatory.*

To be said on an ordinary Rosary, by repeating the De profundis at the cross; the Pater at the larger beads; and at the smaller, the following invocation:

O good Jesus, have mercy on the souls in purgatory (or the soul, or souls of N.), and grant to them eternal rest.

When the chaplet is addressed to the blessed Virgin, the *Ave Maria* is said at the larger beads; and at the smaller, the following invocation:

O Mary, mother of grace, mother of mercy, pray for and obtain for them eternal rest.

Each decade may be offered with a particular intention, by using the following or similar forms:

1st decade. I offer thee, O my Saviour, this first decade for the souls of all my relations: through the precious blood which thou didst shed for them in thy agony in the Garden of Olives, O good Jesus, have mercy on them.

2d. I offer thee, O my Saviour, this second decade for the souls of all those who have shown me kindness: through the precious blood which thou didst shed for them in thy scourging, O good Jesus, have mercy on them.

3d. I offer thee, O my Saviour, this third decade for the souls of those whom I have at any time offended (or for the soul that is most destitute: or for the souls that were the most devout to the most holy Virgin . . .): through the precious blood which thou didst shed for them in carrying thy cross to Calvary, O good Jesus, have mercy on them.

4th. I offer thee, O my Saviour, this fourth decade for the souls of my friends and companions: through the

* The chaplet is the third part of the Rosary.

precious blood which thou didst pour upon the cross, and through the dolours which Mary, our tender Mother, endured at the foot of the cross, O good Jesus, have mercy on us.

5th. I offer thee, O my Saviour, this fifth decade the soul of my father (*or of my mother: or of N. . .*) I offer thee for this soul so dear to me, the precious blood and the sacred water that flowed for it from thy heart, transfixed by the lance: through the mysterious wound in thy divine heart, O good Jesus, open to this soul the gate of heaven, and grant me grace to be reunited with it forever in the bosom of thy goodness.

Numerous indulgenced prayers, applicable to the souls in purgatory, will be found in the list given at p. 297, &c., and in their proper places.

The Little Office of the Blessed Virgin

PRAYERS THAT MAY BE SAID BEFORE EACH OFFICE.

R. *These, as also similar prayers at the commencement of the subsequent hours, form no part of the Office.*

Aperi, Domine, os meum
ad benedicens nomen
sanctum tuum: munda quo-
que cor meum ab omnibus
vanis, perversis, et alienis
 cogitationibus; intellectum
illumina, affectum inflamma:
ut digne, attente, ac devote
hoc Officium beatæ Virginis
Mariæ recitare valeam et
exaudiri merear ante con-
spectum divinæ Majestatis
tuæ; per Christum Domi-
num nostrum. Amen.

Domine, in unione illius
divinæ intentionis, qua ipse
in terris laudes, Deo per-
solvisti, has tibi Horas per-
solvo.

Open thou my mouth, O
Lord, to bless thy holy
name: cleanse my heart
also from all vain, perverse,
and distracting thoughts; en-
lighten my understanding,
inflame my affections, that
I may recite this Office of
the blessed Virgin Mary
with worthy attention and
devotion, and may deserve
to be heard in the sight of
thy divine Majesty; through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, I offer these
Hours unto thee, in union
with that divine intention
wherewith thou didst thy-
self offer praises to God
whilst thou wast on earth.

AFTER EACH OFFICE.

Sacrosanctæ et individuæ
Trinitati, crucifixi Domini
nostri Jesu Christi Humanita-
ti, beatissimæ et gloriosis-
simæ. semperque Virginis

Everlasting praise, honor
power, and glory be given
by all creatures to the most
holy and undivided Trinity
to the Humanity of our

Maræ fecundæ integritati,
et omnium Sanctorum uni-
versitati, sit sempiterna laus,
honor, virtus, et gloria ab
omni creatura, nobisque re-
missio omnium peccatorum,
per infinita sæcula sæculo-
rum. Amen.

V. Beata viscera Mariæ
Virginis, quæ portaverunt
æterni Patris Filium.

R. Et beata ubera quæ
lactaverunt Christum Domi-
num.

crucified Lord Christ Jesus
to the fruitful purity of the
most blessed and most glo-
rious Mary ever Virgin, and
to the company of all the
Saints; and may we obtain
the remission of all our sins
through all eternity. Amen.

V. Blessed is the womb
of the Virgin Mary, that
bore the Son of the eternal
Father.

R. And blessed are the
paps that gave suck to
Christ our Lord.

Pater. Ave.

BEFORE MATINS AND LAUDS.

O divine and adorable Lord Jesus Christ, who hast
graciously redeemed us by thy bitter passion and death;
I offer these Matins and Lauds to thy honor and glory;
and most humbly beseech thee, through the vile treat-
ment thou didst receive from the Jews, who dragged
thee to the courts of the impious high priests, where
thou wast falsely accused, smitten on the face, called a
blasphemer, and declared guilty of death; through the
cruel torments, the blows, the bruises, and unheard-of
injuries, which thou enduredst during the whole night;
to grant us resignation and silence under all calumnies,
detractions, and sufferings, for the love of thee, and to
give us grace never to return injury for injury, but to
practise the truly Christian revenge of overcoming evil
with good, to do good to those who hate us, to bless
those who curse us, and to pray for those who persecute
and calumniate us. Amen.

Matins.

Ave Maria.

Hail, Mary.

V. Domine, ✙ labia mea
aperies.

V. Thou shalt open my
lips, ✙ O Lord.

R. Et os meum annun-
tabit laudem tuam.

R. And my mouth shall
show forth thy praise.

V. Deus, ✙ in adjuto-
rium meum intende.

V. O God, ✙ come to my
assistance.

R. Domine, ad adjuvan-
dum me festina.

R. O Lord, make haste to
help me.

Gloria Patri. Sicut erat.
Alleluia ad omnes horas.

Glory be to the Father
&c. Alleluia at all the
hours.

From Septuagesima to Easter, instead of Alleluia, is said,

Laus tibi, Domine, Rex
eternæ gloriæ.

Praise be to thee, O Lord.
King of everlasting glory.

Invitatory. Twice repeated.

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum.

Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.

*In the time of Easter, Alleluia is added at the end of the
Invitatory, Antiphons, Versicles, and Responsories.*

Psalm xciv. Venite, exultemus.

Venite, exultemus Domi-
no, jubilemus Deo salutari
nostro; præoccupemus fi-
riem ejus in confessione. et
in psalmis jubilemus ei.

O come, let us sing unto
the Lord, let us rejoice be-
fore God our Saviour: let
us come into his presence
with thanksgiving, and with
psalms rejoice before him.

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum.

Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.

Quoniam Deus magnus
Dominus, et Rex magnus
super omnes deos: quoni-

For the Lord is a great
God, and a great King
above all gods: the Lord

am non repellat Dominus plebem suam, quia in manu ejus sunt omnes fines terræ, et altitudines montium ipse conspiciat.

Dominus tecum.

Quoniam ipsius est mare, et ipse fecit illud, et aridam fundaverunt manus ejus: venite, adoremus, et proci- damus ante Deum; ploremus coram Domino qui fecit nos; quia ipse est Dominus Deus noster: nos autem populus ejus, et oves pascuæ ejus.

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.

Hodie si vocem ejus audieritis, nolite obdurare corda vestra, sicut in exacerbatione secundum diem temptationis in deserto: ubi tentaverunt me patres vestri, probaverunt, et viderunt opera mea.

Dominus tecum.

Quadraginta annis proximus fui generationi huic, et dixi: Semper hi errant corde; ipsi vero non cognoverunt vias meas: quibus juravi in ira mea: Si introibunt in requiem meam.

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Amen.

will not cast off his people in his hands are all the ends of the earth, and he beholdeth the heights of the mountains.

The Lord is with thee.

The sea is his, and he made it, and his hands founded the dry land: come, let us adore and fall down before God; let us lament before the Lord who made us; for he is the Lord our God: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

To-day if ye shall hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness; where your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works.

The Lord is with thee.

Forty years long was I nigh unto this generation, and said: They do always err in their heart; for they have not known my ways: unto whom I swear in my wrath, that they should not enter into my rest.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Glory be to the Father &c. Amen.

Dominus tecum.
Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum.

The Lord is with thee.
Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.

HYMN.

Quem terra, pontus, sidera
Colunt, adorant, prædicant,
Trinam regentem machinam
Clastrum Mariæ bajulat.

The Lord, whom earth, and sea,
and sky,
With one adoring voice pro-
claim;
Who rules them all in majesty;
Enclosed himself in Mary's
frame.

Cui luna, sol, et omnia
Deserviunt per tempora,
Perfusa cœli gratia
Gestant puellæ viscera.

Lo! in an humble Virgin's womb,
O'ershadowed by Almighty power;
He whom the stars, and sun, and
moon,
Each serve in their appointed
hour.

Beata Mater, munere
Cujus supernus artifex,
Mundum pugillo continens,
Ventris sub arca clausus est.

O Mother blest! to whom was
given
Within thy body to contain
The Architect of earth and heaven,
Whose hands the universe sus-
tain.

Beata cœli nuntio,
Fœcunda Sancto Spiritu,
Desideratus gentibus
Cujus per alvum fusus est.

To thee was sent an angel down;
In thee the Spirit was enshrined;
Of thee was born that mighty one,
The long-desired of all mankind.

Jesu, tibi sit gloria,
Qui natus es de Virgine,
Cum Patre, et almo Spiritu,
In sempiterna sæcula. Amen.

O Jesu! born of Virgin bright,
Immortal glory be to thee;
Praise to the Father infinite,
And Holy Ghost eternally.

Then are said three Psalms, according to the day of the week.

FIRST NOCTURN.

On Sunday, Monday, and Thursday.

Ant. Benedicta tu.

Ant. Blessed art thou.

Psalm viii Domine, Dominus noster.

Domine, Dominus nos-

1 O Lord, our Lord

ter: quam admirabile est nomen tuum in universa terra! how wonderful is thy name in all the earth!

Quoniam elevata est magnificentia tua . super cœlos. 2 For thy greatness is exalted: above the heavens.

Ex ore infantium et lactentium perfecisti laudem, propter inimicos tuos: ut destruas inimicum et ultorem. 3 Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast thou perfected praise, because of thine enemies: that thou mayest destroy the enemy and the avenger.

Quoniam videbo cœlos tuos, opera digitorum tuorum: lunam et stellas, quæ tu fundasti. 4 For I will behold thy heavens, the works of thy fingers: the moon and the stars, which thou hast founded.

Quid est homo, quod memor es ejus: aut filius hominis, quoniam visitas eum? 5 What is man, that thou art mindful of him: or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Minuisti eum paulo minus ab angelis, gloria et honore coronasti eum: et constituisti eum super opera manuum tuarum. 6 Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, thou hast crowned him with glory and honor: and hast set him over the works of thy hands.

Omnia subjecisti sub pedibus ejus: oves et boves universas, insuper et pecora campi. 7 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet: all sheep and oxen, yea and the beasts of the field.

Volucres cœli, et pisces maris: qui perambulant semitas maris. 8 The birds of the air, and the fishes of the sea that walk through the paths of the sea.

Domine, Dominus noster: quam admirabile est nomen tuum in universa terra! 9 O Lord, our Lord: how wonderful is thy name in all the earth!

Gloria, &c.

Ans. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui.

Ans. Sicut myrrha.

Glory, &c.

Ans. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

Ans. Like the choicest myrrh.

Psalm xviii. *Cæli enarrant.*

Cæli enarrant gloriam Dei: et opera manuum ejus annuntiat firmamentum.

Dies diei eructat verbum: et nox nocti indicat scientiam.

Non sunt loquelæ, neque sermones: quorum non audiantur voces eorum.

In omnem terram exivit sonus eorum: et in fines orbis terræ verba eorum.

In sole posuit tabernaculum suum: et ipse, tanquam sponsus procedens de thalamo suo.

Exultavit ut gigas ad currendam viam: a summo cælo egressus ejus.

Et occursum ejus usque ad summum ejus: nec est qui se abscondat a calore ejus.

Lex Domini immaculata, convertens animas: testimonium Domini fidele, sa-

1 The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament proclaimeth the works of his hands.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech: and night unto night showeth knowledge.

3 There is neither tongue nor language: in which their voices are not heard.

4 Their sound is gone forth into all the earth: and their words unto the ends of the world.

5 He hath set his tabernacle in the sun: and he cometh forth as a bridegroom from his chamber.

6 He hath rejoiced as a giant to run his course: his going forth is from the topmost part of the heaven.

7 And his circuit even unto the height thereof: neither is there any that can hide himself from his heat.

8 The law of the Lord is undefiled, converting souls: the testimony of the Lord

pientiam præstans parvulis. is faithful, giving wisdom unto little ones.

Justitiæ Domini rectæ, ætificantes corda : præceptum Domini lucidum, illuminans oculos. 9 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart : the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

Tiror Domini sanctus, permanens in sæculum sæculi : judicia Domini vera, iustificata in semetipsa. 10 The fear of the Lord is holy, enduring forever and ever : the judgments of the Lord are true, justified in themselves.

Desiderabilia super aurum, et lapidem pretiosum multum : et dulciora super mel et favum. 11 More to be desired are they than gold, and all precious stones : sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Etenim servus tuus custodit ea : in custodiendis illis retributio multa. 12 For thy servant keepeth them : and in keeping them there is great reward.

Delicta quis intelligit ? Ab occultis meis munda me : et ab alienis parce servo tuo. 13 Who understandeth sins ? cleanse thou me from my secret faults : and from the sins of others spare thy servant.

Si mei non fuerint dominati, tunc immaculatus ero : et emundabor a delicto maximo. 14 If they have had no dominion over me, then shall I be undefiled : and shall be cleansed from the greatest sin.

Et erunt ut complaceant æloquia oris mei : et meditatio cordis mei in conspectu tuo semper. 15 And the words of my mouth shall be pleasing to thee : and the meditation of my heart shall be always in thy sight.

Domine, adjutor meus : et redemptor meus. 16 O Lord, my helper and my redeemer.

Gloria, &c.

Glory, &c.

Ant. Sicut myrrha electa, *Ant.* Like the choicest

odorem dedisti suavitatis,
sancta Dei Genitrix.

myrrh, thou hast yielded an
odor of sweetness, O holy
Mother of God.

Ant. Ante thorum.

Ant. Before the couch.

Psalm xxiii *Domini est terra.*

Domini est terra, et pleni-
tudo ejus: orbis terrarum,
et universi qui habitant in
eo.

1 The earth is the Lord's,
and the fulness thereof: the
compass of the world, and
all that dwell therein.

Quia ipse super maria
fundavit eum: et super
flumina præparavit eum.

2 For he hath founded it
upon the seas: and prepared
it upon the floods.

Quis ascendet in montem
Domini: aut quis stabit in
loco sancto ejus?

3 Who shall ascend into
the mountain of the Lord:
or who shall stand in his
holy place?

Innocens manibus et
mundo corde: qui non ac-
cepit in vano animam suam,
neque juravit in dolo proximo
suo.

4 He that hath clean
hands and a pure heart
that hath not taken his soul
in vain, nor sworn deceit-
fully to his neighbor.

Hic accipiet benedictio-
nem a Domino: et miseri-
cordiam a Deo salutari suo.

5 He shall receive bless-
ing from the Lord: and
mercy from God his Saviour

Hæc est generatio quæ-
rentium eum: quærentium
faciem Dei Jacob.

6 This is the generation
of them that seek him: of
them that seek the face of
the God of Jacob.

Attollite portas, prin-
ces, vestras, et elevamini,
portæ æternales: et introi-
bit Rex gloriæ.

7 Lift up your gates, O
ye princes, and be ye lift up,
ye everlasting doors: and
the King of glory shall
come in.

Quis est iste Rex gloriæ:
Dominus fortis et potens;
Dominus potens in prælio.

8 Who is this King of
glory? the Lord strong and
mighty; the Lord mighty
in battle.

Attollite portas, prin-
ces,

9 Lift up your gates, O

pes, vestras, et elevamini,
portæ æternales: et introi-
bit Rex gloriæ.

Quis est iste Rex gloriæ:
Dominus virtutum, ipse est
Rex gloriæ.

Gloria, &c.

Ant. Ante thorum hujus
Virginis frequentate nobis
dulcia cantica dramatis.

ye princes, and be ye lift up
ye everlasting doors: and
the King of glory shall
come in.

10 Who is this King of
glory? the Lord of hosts
he is the King of glory.

Glory, &c.

Ant. Before the couch of
this Virgin sing often unto
us sweet chants with solemn-
nity.

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SECOND NOCTURN.

On Tuesday and Friday.

Ant. Specie tua.

Ant. In thy comeliness.

Psalm xlv. *Eructavit cor meum.*

Eructavit cor meum ver-
bum bonum: dico ego opera
mea regi.

Lingua mea calamus
scribæ: velociter scribentis.

Speciosus forma præ filiis
hominum, diffusa est gratia
in labiis tuis: propterea
benefecit te Deus in æter-
num.

Accingere gladio tuo su-
per femur tuum: potentis-
sime.

Specie tua et pulchritu-
dine tua: intende, prospere
procede, et regna.

1 My heart hath uttered
a good word: I tell of my
works unto the king.

2 My tongue is the pen
of a scribe: that writeth
very swiftly.

3 Thou art beautiful
above the sons of men,
grace is poured forth on thy
lips: therefore hath God
blessed thee forever.

4 Gird thy sword upon
thy thigh: O thou most
mighty.

5 In thy comeliness and
thy beauty: go forth, pro-
ceed prosperously and reign.

Propter veritatem, et mansuetudinem, et justitiam · et deducet te mirabiliter dextera tua.

Sagittæ tuæ acutæ, populi sub te cadent: in corda inimicorum regis.

Sedes tua, Deus, in sæculum sæculi: virga directionis, virga regni tui.

Dilexisti justitiam, et odisti iniquitatem: propterea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, oleo lætitiæ præ consortibus tuis.

Myrrha, et gutta, et casia a vestimentis tuis, a domibus eburneis: ex quibus delectaverunt te filiæ regum in honore tuo.

Astitit regina a dextris tuis in vestitu deaurato: circumdata varietate.

Audi, filia. et vide, et inclina aurem tuam: et obliviscere populum tuum, et domum patris tui.

Et concupiscet rex decorem tuum: quoniam ipse est Dominus Deus tuus, et adorabunt eum.

Fit filiæ Tyri in muneribus: vultum tuum deprecabuntur.

6 Because of truth, and meekness, and justice: and thy right hand shall lead thee on wonderfully.

7 Thine arrows are sharp, the people shall fall before thee: they shall pierce the hearts of the king's enemies.

8 Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: a sceptre of uprightness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

9 Thou hast loved justice, and hated iniquity: therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

10 Myrrh, aloes, and casia perfume thy garments, from the ivory palaces whence the daughters of kings have made thee glad in thine honor.

11 Upon thy right hand stood the queen in a vesture of gold: wrought about with variety.

12 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear: forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.

13 And so shall the king desire thy beauty: for he is the Lord thy God, and him shall they adore.

14 And the daughters of Tyre, with gifts: yea, all

buntur omnes divites plebis.

Omnis gloria ejus filiae regis ab intus: in fimbriis aureis, circumamicta varietatibus.

Adducentur regi virgines post eam: proximæ ejus afferentur tibi.

Afferentur in lætitia et exultatione: adducentur in templum regis.

Pro patribus tuis nati sunt tibi filii: constitues eos principes super omnem terram.

Memores erunt nominis tui: in omni generatione et generationem.

Propterea populi confitebuntur tibi in æternum: et in sæculum sæculi.

Gloria, &c.

Ant. Specie tua et pulchritudine tua intende, prospere procede, et regna.

Ant. Adjuvabit eam Deus.

Psalm xlv. *Deus noster refugium.*

Deus noster, refugium et virtus: adiutor in tribulationibus quæ invenerunt nos nimis.

Propterea non timebimus

the rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance.

15 All the glory of the king's daughter is from within: with borders of gold, and clothed about with varieties.

16 After her shall virgins be brought unto the king: her companions shall be brought unto thee.

17 With joy and gladness shall they be brought: they shall be led into the temple of the king.

18 Instead of thy fathers, sons are born unto thee: thou shalt make them princes over all the earth.

19 They shall be mindful of thy name: from generation to generation.

20 Therefore shall the people praise thee forever yea, forever and ever.

Glory, &c.

Ant. In thy comeliness and thy beauty go forth, proceed prosperously and reign.

Ant. God shall help her.

1 Our God is our refuge and strength: our helper in troubles which have fallen on us heavily.

2 Therefore will we not

sum turbabitur terra: et transferentur montes in cor maris.

Sonuerunt, et turbatæ sunt aquæ eorum: conturbati sunt montes in fortitudine ejus.

Fluminis impetus lætificat civitatem Dei: sanctificavit tabernaculum suum Altissimus.

Deus in medio ejus, non commovebitur: adjuvabit eam Deus mane diluculo.

Conturbatæ sunt gentes, et inclinata sunt regna: dedit vocem suam, mota est terra.

Dominus virtutum nobiscum: susceptor noster Deus Jacob.

Venite, et videte opera Domini, quæ posuit prodigia super terram: auferens bella usque ad finem terræ.

Arcum conteret, et constringet arma: et scuta combulet et igni.

Vacate, et videte quoniam ego sum Deus. exaltabor in gentibus, et exaltabor in terra.

Dominus virtutum nobis-

feared when the earth shall be troubled: and the mountains shall be removed into the heart of the sea.

3 Their waters roared and were troubled: the mountains were troubled at the violence thereof.

4 The swelling of the stream maketh glad the city of God; the Most High hath sanctified his tabernacle

5 God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved: God shall help her in the morning early.

6 Nations were troubled, and kingdoms bowed down: he gave forth his voice, and the earth was moved.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our helper.

8 O come and behold the works of the Lord, what wonders he hath wrought upon the earth: making wars to cease, even unto the ends of the earth.

9 He shall break the bow, and knap the weapons in sunder: and the shields shall he burn with fire.

10 Be still, and see that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The Lord of hosts is

cum: susceptor noster Deus Jacob.

Gloria, &c.

Ant. Adjuvabit eam Deus vultu suo: Deus in medic ejus, non commovebitur.

An. Sicut lætantium.

with us: the God of Jacob is our helper.

Glory, &c.

Ant. God shall help her with his countenance: God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved.

Ant. Our dwelling is thee.

Psalm lxxxvi. Fundamenta ejus.

Fundamenta ejus in montibus sanctis: diligit Dominus portas Sion super omnia tabernacula Jacob.

Gloriosa dicta sunt de te: civitas Dei.

Memor ero Rahab et Babylonis: scientium me.

Ecce alienigenæ, et Tyrus, et populus Æthiopum: hi fuerunt illic.

Numquid Sion dicet; Homo et homo natus est in ea: et ipse fundavit eam Altissimus?

Dominus narrabit in scripturis populorum et principum horum qui fuerunt in ea.

Sicut lætantium omnium: habitatio est in te.

Gloria, &c.

1 Her foundations are upon the holy hills: the Lord loveth the gates of Sion more than all the tabernacles of Jacob.

2 Glorious things are spoken of thee: O thou city of God.

3 I will be mindful of Rahab and Babylon: even of them that know me.

4 Behold strangers, and Tyre, and the people of Ethiopia: all these were there.

5 Shall not Sion say; This man and that were born in her: and the Most High himself hath founded her?

6 The Lord shall declare it in the writings of people and of princes: of all who were in her.

7 The dwelling in thee is as of all those that rejoice.

Glory, &c.

Ant. Sicut lætantium *Ant.* Our dwelling in
 communum nostrum habitatio thee is as of all those that
 est in te, sancta Dei geni- rejoice, O holy mother of
 trix. God.

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THIRD NOCTURN.

On Wednesday and Saturday.

Ant. Gaude, Maria Virgo. *Ant.* Rejoice, O Virgin Mary.

Psalm xcv. *Cantate Domino.*

Cantate Domino cantium novum: cantate Domino, omnis terra. 1 Sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Cantate Domino et benedicite nomini ejus: annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus. 2 Sing unto the Lord, and bless his name: tell forth his salvation from day to day.

Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus: in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus. 3 Tell forth his glory among the gentiles: his wonders among all people.

Quoniam magnus Dominus, et laudabilis nimis: terribilis est super omnes deos. 4 For the Lord is great, and highly to be praised: he is more to be feared than all gods.

Quoniam omnes dii gentium dæmonia: Dominus autem cœlos fecit. 5 For all the gods of the gentiles are devils: but the Lord made the heavens.

Confessio et pulchritudo in conspectu ejus: sanctimonia et magnificentia in sanctificatione ejus. 6 Praise and beauty are before him: holiness and majesty in his sanctuary.

Afferte Domino, patriæ gentium, afferte Domino gloriam et honorem: afferte 7 Bring unto the Lord, O ye kindred of the gentiles, bring unto the Lord glory

**Domino gloriam nomini
ejus.**

**Tollite hostias, et introite
in atria ejus: adorete Do-
minum in atrio sancto ejus**

**Commoveatur a facie
ejus universa terra: dicite
in gentibus, quia Dominus
regnabit.**

**Etenim correxit orbem
terræ, qui non commovebi-
tur: judicabit populos in
æquitate.**

**Lætentur cœli, et exultet
terra, commoveatur mare et
plenitudo ejus: gaudebunt
campi, et omnia quæ in eis
sunt.**

**Tunc exultabunt omnia
igna silvarum a facie Do-
mini, quia venit: quoniam
venit judicare terram.**

**Judicabit orbem terræ in
æquitate: et populos in
veritate sua.**

Gloria, &c.

**Ant. Gaude, Maria Vir-
go, cunctas hæreses sola
interemisti in universo
mundo.**

Ant. Dignare.

**and honor: bring unto the
Lord glory unto his name.**

**8 Bring sacrifices, and
come into his courts: adore
ye the Lord in his hol-
court.**

**9 Let all the earth be
moved at his presence: say
ye among the gentiles that
the Lord hath reigned.**

**10 For he hath estab-
lished the world, and it
shall not be moved: he
shall judge the people with
equity.**

**11 Let the heavens re-
joice, and let the earth be
glad; let the sea be moved,
and the fulness thereof:
the fields shall be joyful,
and ail things that are
therein.**

**12 Then shall all the
trees of the wood rejoice
before the face of the Lord,
for he cometh: for he com-
eth to judge the earth.**

**13 He shall judge the
world with equity: and the
people with his truth.**

Glory, &c.

**Ant. Rejoice, O Virgin
Mary, thou alone hast de-
stroyed all heresies in all
the world.**

Ant. Vouchsafe.

Psalm xcvi. *Dominus regnavit.*

Dominus regnavit, exultet terra: lætentur insulæ multæ.

Nubes et caligo in circuitu ejus: justitia et judicium correctio sedis ejus.

Ignis ante ipsum præcedet: et inflammabit in circuitu inimicos ejus.

Illuxerunt fulgura ejus orbi terræ: vidit, et commota est terra.

Montes sicut cera fluxerunt a facie Domini: a facie Domini omnis terra.

Annuntiaverunt cœli justitiam ejus: et viderunt omnes populi gloriam ejus.

Confundantur omnes qui adorant sculptilia: et qui gloriantur in simulacris suis.

Adorate eum, omnes angeli ejus: audiuit, et lætata est Sion.

Et exultaverunt filiæ Judæ: propter judicia tua, Domine.

Quoniam tu Dominus altissimus super omnem terram: nimis exaltatus es super omnes deos.

Qui dirigis Dominum,

1 The Lord hath reigned, let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

3 Fire shall go forth before him: and shall burn up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings shone upon the world: the earth saw, and was moved.

5 The mountains melted like wax before the face of the Lord: yea, all the earth before the face of the Lord.

6 The heavens declared his justice: and all people saw his glory.

7 Confounded be all they that adore graven things: and that glory in their idols.

8 Adore him, all ye his angels: Sion heard, and was glad.

9 And the daughters of Judah rejoiced: because of thy judgments, O Lord.

10 For thou, Lord, art most high over all the earth: thou art exalted exceedingly above all gods.

11 Ye who love the

odite malum: custodit Dominus animas sanctorum suorum, de manu peccatoris liberabit eos.

Lux orta est justo: et lætis corde lætitia.

Lætamini, justi, in Domino: et confiteamini memorie sanctificationis ejus.

Gloria, &c.

Ant. Dignare me laudare te, Virgo sacrata: da mihi virtutem contra hostes tuos.

Ant. Post partum.

Adv. Angelus Domini.

Lord, hate evil: the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints, he will deliver them out of the hand of the sinner.

12 Light is risen to the just: and gladness to such as are right of heart.

13 Rejoice in the Lord. O ye just: and give praise to the remembrance of his holiness.

Glory, &c.

Ant. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O sacred Virgin: give me strength against thine enemies.

Ant. After child-birth.

Adv. The angel of the Lord.

Psalm xcvi. *Cantate Domino.*

Cantate Domino canticum novum: quia mirabilia fecit.

Salvavit sibi dextera ejus: et brachium sanctum ejus.

Notum fecit Dominus salutare suum: in conspectu gentium revelavit justitiam suam.

Recordatus est misericordie suæ: et veritatis suæ domui Israel.

Viderunt omnes termini terræ: salutare Dei nostri.

1 Sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done wonderful things.

2 His right hand hath wrought salvation for him: and holy is his arm.

3 The Lord hath made known his salvation: he hath revealed his justice in the sight of the gentiles.

4 He hath remembered his mercy: and his truth towards the house of Israel.

5 All the ends of the earth have seen: the salvation of our God.

Jubilare Deo, omnis terra: cantate et exultate, et psallite

Psallite Domino in cithara, in cithara et voce psalmi: in tubis ductilibus, et voce tubæ cornæ.

Jubilare in conspectu regis Domini: moveatur mare, et plenitudo ejus; orbis terrarum, et qui habitant in eo

Flumina plaudent manu, simul montes exultabunt a conspectu Domini: quoniam venit judicare terram.

Judicabit orbem terrarum in justitia: et populos in æquitate.

Gloria, &c.

Ant. Post partum virgo inviolata permansisti: Dei Genitrix, intercede pro nobis.

In Adventu.—Ant.* Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ, et concepit de Spiritu sancto. Alleluia.

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis.

R. Propterea benedixit tibi Deus in æternum.

6 Sing joyfully unto the Lord, all ye lands sing, rejoice, and give praise.

7 Give praise unto the Lord upon the harp, upon the harp, and with the voice of psalms: with the long trumpets, and the sound of the cornet.

8 Sing joyfully before the Lord, the king: let the sea be moved, and the fullness thereof: the compass of the earth, and they that dwell therein.

9 The rivers shall clap their hands, and the mountains shall rejoice together at the presence of the Lord: for he cometh to judge the earth.

10 He shall judge the earth with justice: and the people with equity.

Glory, &c.

Ant. After child-birth thou didst remain a pure virgin: intercede for us, O Mother of God.

In Advent.—Ant.* The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary, and she conceived of the Holy Ghost. Alleluia.

V. Grace is poured forth on thy lips.

R. Therefore hath God blessed thee forever.

* The Office for Advent is used also on the Feast of the Annunciation.

Pater noster, &c.

V. Et ne nos inducas in
tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo.
Amen

Our Father, &c.

V. And lead us not into
temptation.

R. But deliver us from
evil. Amen

The Absolution.

Precibus et meritis be-
atæ Mariæ semper Virginis,
et omnium Sanctorum, per-
ducatur nos Dominus ad reg-
na cœlorum.

R. Amen.

V. Jube, domne, benedi-
cere.

By the prayers and mer-
its of the blessed Mary ever
Virgin, and of all the Saints,
may the Lord bring us to
the kingdom of heaven.

R. Amen.

V. Pray, sir, a blessing.

The Blessing.

Nos cum prole pia bene-
dicat Virgo Maria.

R. Amen.

May the Virgin Mary
with her loving Child, bless
us.

R. Amen.

*The three following Lessons are said from Christmas-Day to
Advent : but in Advent are said the Lessons that follow
the Te Deum p. 861*

First Lesson. Eccclus. xxiv. 11-13.

In omnibus requiem quæ-
sivi, et in hæreditate Domini
morabor. Tunc præcepit,
et dixit mihi Creator omni-
um, et qui creavit me, re-
quievit in tabernaculo meo,
et dixit mihi: In Jacob in-
habita, et in electis meis
mitte radices. Tu autem,
Domine, miserere nobis.

R. Deo gratias.

In all these I sought rest,
and I shall abide in the in-
heritance of the Lord.
Then the Creator of all
things commanded, and said
to me; and he that made
me rested in my tabernacle,
and he said to me: Let thy
dwelling be in Jacob, and
thy inheritance in Israel,
and take root in mine elect.
But thou, Lord, have mercy
on us.

R. Thanks be to God.

R. Sancta et immaculata virginitas, quibus te laudibus efferam nescio : * Quia quem cœli capere non poterant, tuo gremio contulisti.

V. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui. Quia quem, &c.

V. Jubæ, domne, benedicere.

R. O holy and immaculate virgin, with what praises I shall extol thee, I know not : * For he whom the heavens could not contain rested in thy bosom.

V. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. For he whom, &c.

V. Pray, sir, a blessing.

The Blessing.

Ipsa Virgo virginum intercedat pro nobis ad Dominum.

R. Amen.

May the Virgin of virgins herself intercede for us with the Lord.

R. Amen.

Second Lesson. *Ecclus. xxiv. 15, 16.*

Et sic in Sion firmata sum, et in civitate sanctificata similiter requievi : et in Jerusalem potestas mea. Et radicavi in populo honorificato, et in parte Dei mei hæreditas illius, et in plenitudine Sanctorum delectatio mea. Tu autem, Domine, miserere nobis.

R. Deo gratias.

R. Beata es, Virgo Maria, quæ Dominum portasti Creatorem mundi : * Genisti qui te fecit, et in æternum permanes virgo.

And so was I established in Sion, and in the holy city likewise I rested ; and my power was in Jerusalem. And I took root in an honorable people, and in the portion of my God his inheritance, and my abode is in the full assembly of Saints. But thou Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Thanks be to God.

R. Blessed art thou, O Virgin Mary, who didst bear the Lord, the Creator of the world : * Thou wast the mother of him who made thee, and remainest a virgin forever.

V. Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.

R. Genuisti, &c.

V. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

R. Thou wast the mother, &c.

When the Te Deum is said, there is added at the end of this Responsory :

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Genuisti, &c.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. Thou wast the mother, &c.

V. Jube, domne, benedicere.

V. Pray, sir, a blessing.

The Blessing.

Per Virginem Matrem, concedat nobis Dominus salutem et pacem.

R. Amen.

Through the Virgin Mother, may the Lord grant unto us salvation and peace.

R. Amen.

Third Lesson. Ecclus. xxiv. 17-20.

Quasi cedrus exaltata sum in Libano, et quasi cypressus in Monte Sion. Quasi palma exaltata sum in Cades, et quasi plantatio rosæ in Jericho. Quasi oliva pretiosa in campis, et quasi platanus exaltata sum juxta aquas in plateis. Sicut cinnamomum et balsamum aromatizans odorem dedi: quasi myrrha electa dedi suavitatem odoris. Tu autem, Domine, miserere vobis.

R. Deo gratias.

I was exalted like a cedar in Libanus, and as a cypress-tree on Mount Sion. I was exalted like a palm tree in Cades, and as a rose-plant in Jericho. As a fair olive-tree in the plains, and as a plane-tree by the waters in the streets, was I exalted. I gave forth a sweet fragrance like cinnamon and aromatic balm: I yielded a sweetness of odor like the choicest myrrh. But thou Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Thanks be to God.

The Te Deum is not said in Advent, or from Septuagesima to Easter, except on the Feasts of the Blessed Virgin. The following Responsory is said when the Te Deum is omitted

R Felix namque es,
sacra Virgo Maria, et omni
laude dignissima: * Quia
ex te ortus est sol justitiæ,
* Christus Deus noster.

R. Surely thou art
happy, O holy Virgin Mary
and most worthy of all
praise: * For out of thee
arose the Son of justice, *
Christ our God.

V. Ora pro populo, in-
terveni pro clero, intercede
pro devoto femineo sexu.
Sentiant omnes tuum juva-
men, quicumque celebrant
tuam sanctam commemora-
tionem. Quia ex te, &c.

V. Pray for the people
mediate for the clergy, in-
tercede for the devoted fe-
male sex. Let all experi-
ence thy assistance, who-
ever celebrate thy holy com-
memoration. For out of
thee, &c.

V. Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto. Chris-
tus Deus noster.

V. Glory be to the Fa-
ther, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Ghost. Christ
our God.

Te Deum.

Te Deum laudamus: te
Dominum confitemur.

We praise thee, O God.
we acknowledge thee to be
the Lord.

Te æternum Patrem:
omnis terra veneratur.

All the earth doth wor-
ship thee: the Father ever-
lasting.

Tibi omnes angeli tibi
cæli et universæ potes-
tates;

To thee all angels cry
aloud: the heavens and all
the powers therein;

Tibi cherubim et sera-
phim: incessabili voce pro-
clamant:

To thee cherubim and
seraphim: continually do
cry;

Sanctus, sanctus, sanc-
tus: Dominus Deus Saba-
oth.

Holy, holy, holy: Lord
God of Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt cœli et terra :
majestatis gloriæ tuæ.

Te gloriosus : Apostolo-
rum chorus.

Te Prophetarum : lauda-
bilis numerus.

Te Martyrum : candida-
tus laudat exercitus.

Te per orbem terrarum :
sancta confitetur Ecclesia.

Patrem : immensæ ma-
jestatis.

Venerandum tuum ve-
rum : et unicum Filium.

Sanctum quoque : Para-
clitum Spiritum.

Tu Rex gloriæ : Christe.

Tu Patris : sempiternus
es Filius.

Tu ad liberandum suscep-
tus hominem : non hor-
ruisti Virginis uterum

Tu devicto mortis acu-
leo : aperuisti credentibus
regna cœlorum.

Tu ad dexteram Dei se-
des : in gloria Patris.

Judex crederis : esse ven-
turus.

¹ Te ergo quæsumus,

Heaven and earth are
full : of the majesty of thy
glory.

The glorious choir of the
Apostles : praise thee.

The admirable company
of the Prophets : praise thee.

The white-robed army of
Martyrs : praise thee.

The holy Church through-
out all the world : doth ac-
knowledge thee.

The Father : of an infi-
nite majesty.

Thy adorable, true : and
only Son.

Also the Holy Ghost -
the Comforter.

Thou art the King of
Glory : O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting
Son : of the Father.

When thou tookest upon
thee to deliver man : thou
didst not abhor the Virgin's
womb.

When thou hadst over-
come the sting of death :
thou didst open the king-
dom of heaven to all be-
lievers.

Thou sittest at the right
hand of God : in the glory
of the Father.

We believe that thou
shalt come : to be our
Judge.

We pray then, therefore

¹ Here it is usual to kneel.

~~uis~~ famulis subveni: quos
pretioso sanguine redēxisti.

Æterna fac cum Sanctis
uis: in gloria numerari.

Salvum fac populum tu-
um, Domine: et benedic
hereditati tuæ.

Et rege eos: et extolle
illos usque in æternum.

Per singulos dies: bene-
dicimus te.

Et laudamus nomen tu-
um in sæculum: et in sæ-
culum sæculi.

Dignare, Domine, die is-
to: sine peccato nos custo-
dire.

Miserere nostri, Domine:
miserere nostri.

Fiat misericordia tua,
Domine, super nos: quem-
admodum speravimus in te.

In te, Domine, speravi:
non confundar in æternum.

help thy servants: whom
thou hast redeemed with
thy precious blood.

Make them to be num-
bered with thy Saints: in
glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people
and bless thine inheritance.

Govern them: and lift
them up forever.

Day by day: we magni-
fy thee.

And we praise thy name
forever: yea, forever and
ever.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this
day: to keep us without
sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon
us: have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be
showed upon us: as we
have hoped in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I
hoped: let me not be con-
founded forever.

*The following Lessons are said in Advent, and on the Feast
of the Annunciation*

Absolution and First Blessing, as above, p. 858.

First Lesson. Luke i. 26-28.

Missus est angelus Ga-
briel a Deo in civitatem
Galilææ, cui nomen Naza-
reth, ad virginem desponsa-
tam viro cui nomen erat Jo-
seph, de domo David; et

The angel Gabriel was
sent from God into a city
of Galilee, called Nazareth,
to a virgin espoused to a
man whose name was Jo-
seph, of the house of Da-

nomen virginis Maria. Et ingressus angelus ad eam, dixit: Ave, gratia plena, Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus. Tu autem, Domine, miserere nobis.

R. Deo gratias.

R. Missus est Gabriel angelus ad Mariam, virginem desponsatam Joseph, nuntians ei verbum, et expavescit virgo de lumine. Ne timeas, Maria, invenisti gratiam apud Dominum: *Ecce concipies, et paries filium, et vocabitur Altissimi Filius.

V. Dabit ei Dominus Deus sedem David patris ejus, et regnabit in domo Jacob in æternum. Ecce concipies, &c.

vid: and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. blessed art thou among women. But thou, Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Thanks be to God.

R. The angel Gabriel sent to Mary, a virgin espoused to Joseph, announcing to her the word, and the virgin was afraid at the light. Fear not, Mary, thou hast found grace with the Lord: * Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son, and he shall be called the Son of the Most High.

V. The Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father, and he shall reign in the house of Jacob forever. Behold, thou shalt conceive, &c.

Second Blessing, *as above*, p. 859

Second Lesson. *Luke i. 29-33.*

Quæ cum audisset, turbata est in sermone ejus, et cogitabat qualis esset ista salutatio. Et ait angelus ei: Ne timeas, Maria, invenisti enim gratiam apud Deum. Ecce concipies in utero, et paries filium, et vocabis nomen ejus Jesum.

And when she had heard these things, she was troubled at his saying, and thought with herself what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her: Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold, thou

hic est magnus, et Filius Altissimi vocabitur. Et dabit illi Dominus Deus sedem David patris ejus, et regnabit in domo Jacob in eternum; et regni ejus non erit finis. Tu autem, Domine, miserere nobis.

R. Deo gratias.

R. Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. * Spiritus Sanctus superveniet in te, et virtus Altissimi obumbrabit tibi: quod enim ex te nascetur Sanctum, vocabitur Filius Dei.

V. Quomodo fiet istud, quoniam virum non cognosco? Et respondens angelus, dixit ei: Spiritus Sanctus superveniet in te, &c.

shalt conceive in thy womt and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father, and he shall reign in the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. But thou, Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Thanks be to God.

R. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. * The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee: for the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

V. How shall this be done, seeing I know not man? And the angel answering said unto her: 'The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, &c.

Third Blessing, as above, p. 860.

Third Lesson. Luke i. 34-38.

Dixit autem Maria ad angelum: Quomodo fiet istud, quoniam virum non cognosco? Et respondens angelus, dixit ei: Spiritus Sanctus superveniet in te, et vir-

And Mary said to the angel: How shall this be done, seeing I know not man? And the angel answering said unto her: 'The Holy Ghost shall come

tus Altissim: obumbrabit tibi. Ideoque et quod nascetur ex te Sanctum, vocabatur Filius Dei. Et ecce Elizabeth cognata tua, et ipsa concepit filium in senectute sua, et hic mensis sextus est illi, quæ vocatur sterilis, quia non erit impossibile apud Deum omne verbum. Dixit autem Maria: Ecce ancilla Domini, fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum. Tu autem, Domine, miserere nobis.

R. Deo gratias.

R. Suscipe verbum, Virgo Maria, quod tibi a Domino per angelum transmissum est: concipies, et paries Deum pariter et hominem: * Ut benedicta dicaris inter omnes mulieres.

V. Paries quidem filium, et virginitatis non patieris detrimentum: efficiaris gravis, et eris mater semper intacta. Ut benedicta dicaris &c.

V Gloria Patri, et Filio,

upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And behold, thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month with her, who is called barren; for no word shall be impossible with God. And Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word. But thou, Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Thanks be to God.

R. Receive, O Virgin Mary, the word which hath been communicated to thee by the Lord through the angel: thou shalt conceive, and bear a son, who shall be both God and man: * That thou mayest be called blessed among all women.

V. Yea, thou shalt bear a son, and shalt suffer no detriment in thy virginity; thou shalt be with child, and shalt become a mother, remaining ever a virgin undefiled. That thou mayest be called, &c.

V. Glory be to the Fa

A Spiritui Sancto Ut ben- ther, and to the Son, and
 edicta dicaris &c. to the Holy Ghost. That
 thou mayest be called, &c.

Lauds.

Ave Maria.	Hail, Mary.
V. Deus, in adjutorium meum intende.	V. O God, come to my assistance.
R. Domine, ad adjuvan- dum me festina.	R. O Lord, make haste to help me.
G'oria, &c.	Glory, &c.

Office 1. From the Purification to Advent.

Ant. Assumpta est. *Ant.* Mary was taken up.

Office 2. In Advent.

Ant. Missus est. *Ant.* The angel.

Office 3. From Christmas to the Purification.

Ant. O admirabile com- *Ant.* O marvellous inter-
 mercium! course!

Psalm xcii. *Dominus regnavit.*

Dominus regnavit, deco- 1 The Lord hath reigned,
 rem indutus est: indutus he is clothed with beauty:
 est Dominus fortitudinem, the Lord is clothed with
 et præcinxit se. strength, and hath girded
 himself therewith.

Etenim firmavit orbem 2 For he hath established
 terræ: qui non commovebi- the world: and it shall not
 tur. be moved.

Parata sedes tua ex tunc: 3 Thy throne is prepared
 a sæculo tu es. of old: thou art from ever-
 lasting.

Elevaverunt flumina, Do- 4 The floods have lifted
 mine: elevaverunt flumina up, O Lord: the floods have
 vocem suam. lifted up their voice.

Elevaverunt flumina fluctus suos: a vocibus aquarum multarum.

Mirabiles elationes maris: mirabilis in altis Dominus.

Testimonia tua credibilia facia sunt nivis: domum tuam decet sanctitudo, Domine, in longitudinem dierum.

Gloria, &c.

5 The floods have lifted up their waves: with the voices of many waters.

6 Wonderful are the surges of the sea: wonderful is the Lord on high.

7 Thy testimonies are made exceedingly credible: holiness becometh thy house, O Lord, unto length of days.

Glory, &c.

Office 1.

Ant. Assumpta est Maria in cœlum, gaudent angeli, laudantes benedicunt Dominum.

Ant. Maria Virgo.

Ant. Mary was taken up into heaven, the angels rejoice, and with praises bless the Lord.

Ant. The Virgin Mary.

Office 2

Ant. Missus est Gabriel angelus ad Mariam, virginem desponsatam Joseph.

Ant. Ave Maria.

Ant. The angel Gabriel was sent to Mary, a virgin espoused to Joseph.

Ant. Hail, Mary.

Office 3.

Ant. O admirabile commercium! Creator generis humani, animatum corpus sumens, de virgine nasci dignatus est: et procedens homo sine semine, largitus est nobis suam deitatem.

Ant. Quando natus es.

Ant. O marvellous intercourse! the Creator of mankind, taking a body with a living soul, vouchsafed to be born of a virgin: and becoming man without man's concurrence, bestowed upon us his deity.

Ant. When thou wast born.

Psalm xcix. *Jubilare Deo.*

Jubilare Deo, omnis terra: servite Domino in lætitia.

Introite in conspectu ejus: in exultatione.

Scitote quoniam Dominus ipse est Deus: ipse fecit nos, et non ipsi nos.

Populus ejus et oves pascuæ ejus: introite portas ejus in confessione, atria ejus in hymnis; confitemini illi.

Laudate nomen ejus, quoniam suavis est Dominus. in æternum misericordia ejus: et usque in generationem et generationem veritas ejus.

Gloria, &c.

1 Sing joyfully unto God, all the earth: serve ye the Lord with gladness.

2 Come ye in before his presence. with exceeding joy.

3 Know ye that the Lord he is God: he hath made us, and not we ourselves.

4 We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture: go ye into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with hymns; give glory unto him

5 Praise ye his name, for the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory, &c

Office 1.

Ant. Maria Virgo assumpta est ad æthereum thalamum, in quo Rex regum stellato sedet solio.

Ant. In odorem.

Ant. The Virgin Mary was taken up to the heavenly chamber, where the King of kings sitteth on his starry throne.

Ant. We run.

Office 2

Ant. Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus.

Ant. Ne timeas, Maria.

Ant. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

Ant. Fear not, Mary.

Office 8.

Ant. Quando natus es ineffabiliter ex virgine, tunc impletæ sunt Scripturæ. Sicut pluvia in vellus descendisti, ut salvum faceres genus humanum : te laudamus, Deus noster.

Ant. Rubum quem viderat.

Ant. When thou wast born of a virgin, after an ineffable manner, then were the Scriptures fulfilled. Thou didst come down like rain upon the fleece that thou mightest save mankind : we praise thee, O our God.

Ant. In the bush which Moses.

Psalm lxii. Deus, Deus meus.

Deus, Deus meus : ad te de luce vigilo.

Sitivit in te anima mea : quam multipliciter tibi caro mea.

In terra deserta, et in via, et in aquosa : sic in sancto apparui tibi. ut viderem virtutem tuam et gloriam tuam.

Quoniam melior est misericordia tua super vitas : labia mea laudabunt te.

Sic benedicam te in vita mea : et in nomine tuo levabo manus meas.

Sicut adipe et pinguedine repleatur anima mea : et labiis exultationis laudabit te meum.

Si memor fui tui super

1 O God, my God : to thee do I watch at break of day.

2 My soul hath thirsted for thee : my flesh also, in ways how manifold !

3 In a desert and pathless land, where no water is : so have I appeared before thee in the sanctuary, that I might behold thy power and thy glory.

4 For thy mercy is better than many lives : my lips shall praise thee.

5 Thus will I bless thee all my life : and in thy name will I lift up my hands.

6 Let my soul be filled as with marrow and fatness : and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.

7 If I have remembered

stratum meum, in matutinis meditabor in te : quia fuisti adiutor meus.

Et in velamento alarum tuarum exultabo ; adhæsit anima mea post te : me suscepit dextera tua.

Ipsi vero in vanum quæsierunt animam meam, introibunt in inferiora terræ : tradentur in manus gladii, partes vulpium erunt.

Rex vero lætabitur in Deo, laudabuntur omnes qui jurant in eo : quia obstructum est os loquentium iniqua.

thee upon my bed, in the morning will I meditate upon thee : for thou hast been my helper.

8 And under the cover of thy wings will I rejoice ; my soul hath cleaved unto thee : thy right hand hath upholden me.

9 But they have sought my soul in vain ; they shall go into the lower parts of the earth : they shall be delivered into the power of the sword, they shall be the portion of foxes.

10 But the king shall rejoice in God, all they shall be praised that swear by him : for the mouth of them that speak iniquity is stopped.

Psalm lxi. Deus misereatur.

Deus misereatur nostri, et benedicat nobis : illuminet vultum suum super nos, et misereatur nostri.

Ut cognoscamus in terram tuam : in omnibus gentibus salutare tuum.

Confiteantur tibi populi, Deus : confiteantur tibi populi omnes.

Lætentur et exultent gentes : quoniam iudicas

1 May God be merciful unto us, and bless us : may he cause the light of his countenance to shine upon us, and be merciful unto us.

2 That we may know thy way upon earth : thy salvation among all nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.

4 Let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou judg-

populos in æquitate, et gentes in terra dirigis.

Confiteantur tibi populi, Deus, confiteantur tibi populi omnes: terra dedit fructum suum.

Benedicat nos Deus, Deus noster, benedicat nos Deus: et metuant eum omnes fines terræ.

Gloria. &c.

est the people with equity and rulest the nations upon earth.

5 Let the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise thee: the earth hath given forth her fruit.

6 May God, even our God, bless us, may God bless us: and all the ends of the earth fear him.

Glory, &c.

Office 1.

Ant. In odorem unguentorum tuorum currimus: adolescentulæ dilexerunt te nimis.

Ant. Benedicta filia.

Ant. We run to the odor of thy ointments: the young maidens have loved thee exceedingly.

Ant. Thou, O daughter.

Office 2.

Ant. Ne timeas, Maria, invenisti gratiam apud Dominum: ecce concipies, et paries filium. Alleluia.

Ant. Dabit ei Dominus.

Ant. Fear not, Mary thou hast found grace with the Lord: behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. Alleluia.

Ant. The Lord shall give unto him.

Office 3.

Ant. Rubum quem viderat Moyses incombustum, conservatam agnovimus tuam laudabilem virginitatem: Dei Genitrix, intercede pro nobis.

Ant. Germinavit radix Jesse.

Ant. In the bush which Moses saw unconsumed, we acknowledge thy admirable virginity preserved: intercede for us, O Mother of God.

Ant. The root of Jesse hath budded.

The Benedicite, or Song of the three Children.

Benedicite, omnia opera Domini, Domino: laudate et superexaltate eum in sæcula.

Benedicite, angeli Domini, Domino: benedicite, cœli, Domino.

Benedicite, aquæ omnes quæ super cœlos sunt, Domino: benedicite, omnes virtutes Domini, Domino.

Benedicite, sol et luna, Domino: benedicite, stellæ cœli, Domino.

Benedicite, omnis imber et ros, Domino: benedicite, omnes spiritus Dei, Domino.

Benedicite, ignis et æstus, Domino: benedicite, frigus et æstus, Domino.

Benedicite, rores et pruina, Domino: benedicite, gelu et frigus, Domino.

Benedicite, glaci et nives, Domino: benedicite, noctes et dies, Domino.

Benedicite, lux et tenebræ, Domino: benedicite, fulgura et nubes, Domino.

Benedicat terra Dominum: laudet et superexaltet eum in sæcula.

Benedicite, montes et colles, Domino: benedicite,

1 O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all forever.

2 O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: bless the Lord, ye heavens.

3 O all ye waters that are above the heavens, bless ye the Lord: bless the Lord, all ye powers of the Lord.

4 O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord: bless the Lord, ye stars of heaven.

5 O all ye showers and dew, bless ye the Lord: bless the Lord, all ye spirits of God.

6 O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord: bless the Lord, ye winter and summer.

7 O ye dews and hoarfrost, bless ye the Lord: bless the Lord, ye frost and cold.

8 O ye ice and snow, bless ye the Lord: bless the Lord, ye nights and days.

9 O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord: bless the Lord, ye lightnings and clouds.

10 O let the earth bless the Lord: let it praise and exalt him above all forever.

11 O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord

universa germinantia in terra. Domino.

Benedicite, fontes, Domino: benedicite, maria et flumina, Domino.

Benedicite, cete et omnia quæ moventur in aquis, Domino: benedicite, omnes volucres cœli, Domino.

Benedicite, omnes bestię et pecora, Domino: benedicite, filii hominum, Domino.

Benedicat Israel Dominum: laudet et superexaltet eum in sæcula.

Benedicite, sacerdotes Domini, Domino: benedicite, servi Domini, Domino.

Benedicite, spiritus et animę justorum, Domino: benedicite, sancti et humiles corde, Domino.

Benedicite, Anania, Azaria, Misael, Domino: laudate et superexaltate eum in sæcula.

Benedicamus Patrem, et Filium, cum Sancto Spiritu: laudemus et superexaltemus eum in sæcula.

Benedictus es, Domine, in firmamento cœli: et lauda-

bless the Lord, all things that spring forth upon the earth.

12 O ye fountains, bless ye the Lord: bless the Lord, ye seas and floods.

13 O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord: bless the Lord, all ye fowls of the air.

14 O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord: bless the Lord, ye sons of men.

15 Let Israel bless the Lord: let him praise and exalt him above all forever.

16 O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: bless the Lord, ye servants of the Lord.

17 O ye spirits and souls of the just, bless ye the Lord: bless the Lord, all ye that are holy and humble of heart.

18 O Ananias, Azarias, Misael, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all forever.

19 Let us bless the Father, and the Son, with the Holy Ghost: let us praise and exalt him above all forever.

20 Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of

**bilis, et gloriosus, et super-
exaltatus in sæcula.**

heaven : worthy to be
praised, and glorious, and
exalted above al' forever.

The Gloria is not said

Office 1.

**Ant. Benedicta, filia, tu a
Domino ; quia per te fruc-
tum vitæ communicavimus.**

**Ant. Thou, O daughter
art blessed of the Lord, fo
through thee have we bee-
made partakers of the fruit
of life.**

Ant. Pulchra es

Ant. Thou art fair.

Office 2.

**Ant. Dabit ei Dominus
sedem David patris ejus, et
regnabit in æternum.**

**Ant. The Lord shall give
unto him the seat of David
his father, and he shall reign
forever.**

**Ant. Ecce ancilla Domi-
ni.**

**Ant. Behold the hand-
maid of the Lord.**

Office 3.

**Ant. Germinavit radix
Jesse, orta est stella ex
Jacob ; virgo peperit Salva-
torem : te laudamus, Deus
noster.**

**Ant. The root of Jesse
hath budded, a star hath
arisen out of Jacob ; a vir-
gin hath borne the Saviour
we praise thee, O our God.**

Ant. Ecce Maria.

Ant. Behold Mary.

Psalm cxlviii. Laudate Dominum.

**Laudate Dominum de
cælis : laudate eum in ex-
celsis.**

**1 Praise the Lord from
the heavens : praise him in
the heights.**

**Laudate eum, omnes an-
geli ejus : laudate eum, om-
nes virtutes ejus.**

**2 Praise him, all his
angels : praise him, all his
hosts.**

**Laudate eum, sol et luna :
laudate eum, omnes stellæ
et lumen.**

**3 Praise him, sun and
moon : praise him, all ye
stars and light.**

Laudate eum, cœli cœlo-
rum: et aquæ omnes quæ
super cœlos sunt, laudent
nomen Domini.

Quia ipse dixit, et facta
sunt: ipse mandavit, et cre-
ata sunt.

Statuit ea in æternum, et
in sæculum sæculi: præ-
ceptum posuit, et non præ-
teribit.

Laudate Dominum de
terra: dracones et omnes
abyssi.

Ignis, grando, nix, glacies,
spiritus procellarum: quæ
faciunt verbum ejus.

Montes et omnes colles:
ligna fructifera et omnes
cedri.

Bestiæ et universa peco-
ra: serpentes et volucres
pennatæ.

Reges terræ et omnes po-
puli: principes et omnes
iudices terræ.

Juvenes et virgines, senes
cum junioribus, laudent no-
men Domini: quia exalta-
tum est nomen ejus solius.

Confessio ejus super cœ-
lum et terram: et exaltavit
cornu populi sui.

Hymnus omnibus Sanctis

4 Praise him, O ye heav-
en of heavens: and let all
the waters that are above
the heavens, praise the name
of the Lord.

5 For he spake, and
they were made: he com-
manded, and they were cre-
ated.

6 He hath established
them forever, even forever
and ever: he hath made a
decree, and it shall not pass
away.

7 Praise the Lord from
the earth: ye dragons and
all deeps.

8 Fire and hail, snow and
ice, and stormy winds: that
fulfil his word.

9 Mountains and all hills.
fruitful trees and all cedars.

10 Beasts and all cattle
creeping things and feather-
ed fowls.

11 Kings of the earth
and all people: princes and
all judges of the earth.

12 Young men and maid-
ens, old men and children,
let them praise the name of
the Lord: for his name alone
is exalted.

13 His praise is above
heaven and earth: and he
hath exalted the horn of his
people.

14 A song of praise to

**ejus. filiis Israel, populo
appropinquanti sibi.**

**all his Saints: to the chil-
dren of Israel, the people
that draweth nigh unto him.**

Psalm cxlix. *Cantate Domino.*

**Cantate Domino canti-
cam novam: laus ejus in
ecclesia Sanctorum.**

**Lætetur Israel in eo qui
facit eum: et filii Sion ex-
ultent in rege suo.**

**Laudent nomen ejus in
choro: in tympano et psal-
terio psallant ei.**

**Quia bene placitum est
Domino in populo suo: et
exaltabit mansuetos in salu-
tem.**

**Exultabunt Sancti in glo-
ria: lætabuntur in cubilibus
suis.**

**Exaltationes Dei in gut-
ture eorum: et gladii ancip-
ites in manibus eorum.**

**Ad faciendam vindictam
in nationibus: increpationes
in populis.**

**Ad alligandos reges eo-
rum in compedibus: et no-
biles eorum in manicis fer-
reis**

**Ut faciant in eis judicium
conscriptum: gloria hæc
est omnibus Sanctis ejus.**

**1 Sing unto the Lord a
new song: let his praise be
in the church of the Saints.**

**2 Let Israel rejoice in
him that made him: and the
children of Sion be joyful
in their king.**

**3 Let them praise his
name in the choir: let them
sing unto him with timbrel
and psaltery.**

**4 For the Lord is wel-
pleased with his people: and
will exalt the meek unto
salvation.**

**5 The Saints shall rejoice
in glory: they shall be joy-
ful in their beds.**

**6 The praises of God
shall be in their mouth: and
two-edged swords in their
hands.**

**7 To execute vengeance
upon the nations: and chas-
tisements among the peo-
ple.**

**8 To bind their kings
with fetters: and their no-
bles with chains of iron.**

**9 To execute upon them
the judgment that is writ-
ten: this glory have all his
Saints.**

Psalm cl. Laudate Dominum in sanctis.

Laudate Dominum in
sanctis ejus: laudate eum
in firmamento virtutis ejus.

Laudate eum in virtuti-
bus ejus: laudate eum se-
cundum multitudinem mag-
nitudinis ejus.

Laudate eum in sono tu-
bæ: laudate eum in psalte-
rio et cithara.

Laudate eum in tympano
et choro: laudate eum in
chordis et organo.

Laudate eum in cymbalis
vine sonantibus; laudate
eum in cymbalis jubilation-
is: omnis spiritus laudet
Dominum.

Gloria, &c.

1 Praise the Lord in his
holy places: praise him in
the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him in his mighty
acts: praise him according
to the multitude of his
greatness.

3 Praise him with the
sound of the trumpet:
praise him with psaltery
and harp.

4 Praise him with tim-
brel and choir: praise him
with strings and organ.

5 Praise him upon the
high-sounding cymbals;
praise him upon cymbals
of joy: let every spirit
praise the Lord

Glorv, &c.

Office 1.

Ant. Pulchra es et deco-
ra, filia Jerusalem: terribi-
lis ut castrorum acies ordi-
nata.

Ant. Thou art fair and
comely, O daughter of Je-
rusalem: terrible as an
army set in array

Office 2.

Ant. Ecce ancilla Domi-
ni: fiat mihi secundum ver-
bum tuum.

Ant. Behold the hand-
maid of the Lord: be it
done unto me according to
thy word.

Office 3.

Ant. Ecce Maria genuit
vobis Salvatorem, quem
Joannes videns exclamavit:

Ant. Behold Mary hath
borne us the Saviour, whom
Jof: beholding, exclaimed

Ecce agnus Dei; ecce qui tollit peccata mundi. Alleluia. Behold the Lamb of God behold him who taketh away the sins of the world. Alleluia.

The Little Chapter

Office 1 and 3. Cant. vi. 8.

Viderunt eam filiae Sion, et beatissimam prædicaverunt: et reginæ laudaverunt eam. The daughters of Sion saw her, and declared her most blessed: and the queens, they praised her.

R. Deo gratias.

R. Thanks be to God.

Office 2. Isa. xi. 1, 2.

Egredietur virga de radice Jesse, et flos de radice ejus ascendet: et requiescet super eum Spiritus Domini. There shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse, and a flower shall rise up out of his root: and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.

R. Deo gratias.

R. Thanks be to God.

HYMN.

**O gloriosa virginum
Sublimis inter sidera,
Qui te creavit, parvulum
Lactente nutris ubere.**

**O Queen of all the virgin choir!
Enthroned above the starry sky
Who with pure milk from thy own
breast
Thy own Creator didst supply.**

**Quod Heva tristis abstulit,
Tu reddis almo germine;
Intrent ut astra flebiles,
tæti recludis cardines.**

**What man had lost in hapless Eve,
Thy sacred womb to man re-
stores;
Thou to the wretched here be-
neath
Hast open'd Heaven's eternal
doors.**

**Tu Regis alti janua,
Et aula lucis fulgida;
Vitam datam per Virginem,
Gentes revivente placide.**

**Hail, O refulgent Hall of light!
Hail, Gate sublime of Heaven's
high King!
Through thee redeem'd to endless
life,
Thy praise let all the nations
sing.**

Jesu. tibi sit gloria,
Qui natus es de Virgine,
Cum Patre, et almo Spiritu,
In sempiterna sæcula. Amen.

O Jesu! born of Virgin bright,
Immortal glory be to thee;
Praise to the Father infinite,
And Holy Ghost eternally.

V. Benedicta tu in mulieribus.

V. Blessed art thou among women.

R. Et benedictus fructus ventris tui

R. And blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

Office 1.

Ant. Beata Dei Genitrix.

Ant. O blessed Mother of God.

In Paschal time.

Ant. Regina cœli.

Ant. O queen of heaven

Office 2.

Ant. Spiritus Sanctus.

Ant. The Holy Ghost

Office 3

Ant. Mirabile mysterium.

Ant. A wonderful mystery.

The Benedictus, or Canticle of Zachary.

Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel: quia visitavit, et fecit redemptionem plebi suæ.

1 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited, and wrought the redemption of his people.

Et erexit cornu salutis nobis: in domo David pueri sui.

2 And hath raised up a horn of salvation to us: in the house of his servant David.

Sicut locutus est per os sanctorum: qui a sæculo sunt, prophetarum ejus.

3 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets: who are from the beginning.

Salutem ex inimicis nostris: et de manu omnium qui oderunt nos.

4 Salvation from our enemies: and from the hand of a¹ that hate us.

Ad faciendam misericordiam cum patribus nostris: et memorari testamenti sui sancti.

Jusjurandum quod juravit ad Abraham patrem nostrum. daturum se nobis:

Ut sine timore, de manu inimicorum nostrorum liberati: serviamus illi,

In sanctitate et justitia coram ipso: omnibus diebus nostris.

Et tu, puer, propheta Altissimi vocaberis: præbis enim ante faciem Domini parare vias ejus.

Ad dandam scientiam salutis plebi ejus: in remissionem peccatorum eorum.

Per viscera misericordiae Dei nostri: in quibus visitavit nos oriens ex alto.

Illuminare his qui in tenebris et in umbra mortis sedent: ad dirigendos pedes nostros in viam pacis.

Gloria, &c.

5 To perform mercy to our fathers: and to remember his holy testament.

6 The oath that he swore to Abraham our father: that he would grant unto us:

7 That being delivered from the hands of our enemies: we may serve him without fear,

8 In holiness and justice before him: all the days of our life.

9 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways.

10 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the remission of their sins.

11 Through the bowels of the mercy of our God: whereby the orient from on high hath visited us.

12 To enlighten them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: to direct our feet into the way of peace.

Glory, &c.

Office 1.

Art. Beata Dei Genitrix, Maria, Virgo perpetua, templum Domini, sacrarium

D 3

Ant. O blessed Mother of God, Mary ever Virgin, temple of the Lord, sanc

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Spiritus Sancti; sola sine exemplo placuisti Domino nostro Jesu Christo: ora pro populo, interveni pro clero, intercede: pro devoto femineo sexu.

tuary of the Hc.y Ghost thou alone, without example, wast well-pleasing to our Lord Jesus Christ pray for the people, mediate for the clergy, intercede for the devoted female sex.

In Paschal time.

Ant. Regina cœli, lætare, alleluia. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia. Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Ant. Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For he whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia. Hath arisen as he said, alleluia. Pray to God for us, alleluia.

Office 2.

Ant. Spiritus Sanctus in te descendet, Maria; ne timeas habebis in utero filium Dei. Alleluia.

Ant. The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, Mary; fear not, thou shalt bear in thy womb the Son of God. Alleluia.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ. have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Deus, qui de beatæ Mariæ Virginis utero Verbum tuum, angelo nuntiante, carnem suscipere voluisti; præsta supplicibus tuis, ut qui vere eam Genitricem Dei credimus, ejus apud te intercessionibus adjuvemur.

O God, who wast pleased that thy Word, at the message of an angel, should take flesh in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary; grant to us, thy humble servants, that, as we believe her to be truly the Mother

Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

of God, we may be assisted also by her intercessions with thee. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

Office 3.

Ant. Mirabile mysterium declaratur hodie: innovantur naturæ; Deus homo factus est. Id quod fuit permansit, et quod non erat assumpsit, non commixtionem passus, neque divisionem.

Ant. A wonderful mystery is declared to-day: new things are wrought in nature; God is made man. What he was he hath remained, and what he was not he hath assumed, suffering neither confusion nor division.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Deus, qui salutis æternæ, beatæ Mariæ virginitate fœcunda, humano generi præmia præstitisti; tribue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercedere sentiamus, per Jesum meruimus auctorem vitæ suscipere Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum. Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

O God, who, by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech thee, that we may experience her intercession for us, through whom we have received the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost God, world without end

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

[AN ANTIPHON TO BLESSED JOSEPH.*]

Fidelis servus et prudens,
quem constituit Dominus
sue Matris solatium, sue
carnis nutritium, et solum
in terris magni consilii co-
adjutorem fidelissimum

A faithful and wise ser-
vant, whom the Lord ap-
pointed to be the consol-
ation of his mother, the
nursing-father of his
flesh, and alone in all the
earth the most faithful
low-helper of great counsel.

V. Ecce homo sine que-
rela, verus Dei cultor.

V. Behold a man with-
out blame, a true worship-
per of God.

R. Abstinens se ab omni
opere malo, et permanens
in innocentia sua.

R. Abstaining from every
evil work, and abiding in
his innocence.

Oremus

Let us pray.

Sanctissimæ Genitricis
tuæ sponsi, quæsumus,
Domine, meritis adjuvemur,
ut quod possibilitas nostra
non obtinet, ejus nobis in-
tercessione donetur. Qui
vivis et regnas in sæcula
sæculorum.

Assist us, O Lord, we
beseech thee, by the merits
of the spouse of thy most
holy Mother, that what of
ourselves we are unable to
obtain, may be granted to
us by his intercession. Who
livest and reignest, world
without end.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.]

COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS.

Office 1 and 3.

Ans. Sancti Dei omnes,
intercedere dignemini pro
nostra omniumque salute.

Ant. O all ye saints of
God, vouchsafe to intercede
for our salvation, and that
of all mankind.

V. Lætamini in Domino,
et exultate, iusti.

V. Rejoice in the Lord,
and be glad, O ye just.

* This forms no part of the Office

R. Et gloriamini, omnes
recti corde.

R. And glory, all ye that
are right of heart.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Protege, Domine, popu-
lum, tuum. et apostolorum
uorum Petri et Pauli, et
aliorum apostolorum patro-
cinio confidentem, perpetua
defensione conserva.

Protect thy people, O
Lord, and preserve them by
thy continual defence, who
trust in the patronage of
Peter and Paul, and all thy
other apostles.

Omnes Sancti tui, quæsu-
mus, Domine, nos ubique
adjuvent; ut dum eorum
merita recolimus, patrocinia
sentiamus; et pacem tuam
nostris concede temporibus,
et ab Ecclesia tua cunctam
repelle nequitiam iter, ac-
tus, et voluntates nostras, et
omnium famulorum tuorum
in salutis tue prosperitate
dispone: benefactoribus nos-
tris sempiterna bona retri-
bue, et omnibus fidelibus
defunctis requiem æternam
concede. Per Dominum,
&c.

Let all thy Saints, we
beseech thee, O Lord, assist
us everywhere; that, while
we honor their merits, we
may experience their pat-
ronage: grant us thy peace
in our times, and repel
all wickedness from thy
Church: dispose our way,
our acts, and wills, and
those of all thy servants, in
the good success of thy sal-
vation: render to our bene-
factors everlasting bless-
ings, and to all the faithful
departed grant eternal rest.
Through our Lord, &c.

V. Domine, exaudi ora-
tionem meam.

V. O Lord, hear my
prayer.

R. Et clamor meus ad
te veniat.

R. And let my cry come
unto thee.

V. Benedicamus Domino.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Let us bless the Lord

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Fidelium animæ, per
misericordiam Dei, requies-
cant in pace.

V. May the souls of the
faithful, through the mercy
of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

R. Amen

Office 2.

Ant. Ecce, Dominus veniet, et omnes Sancti ejus cum eo, et erit in die illa lux magna. Alleluia.

V. Ecce, apparebit Dominus super nubem candidam.

R. Et cum eo Sanctorum millia.

Ant. Behold, the Lord shall come, and all his Saints with him, and in that day there shall be a great light. Alleluia.

V. Behold, the Lord shall appear upon a shining cloud

R. And with him thousands of Saints.

Oremus.

Conscientias nostras, quæsumus, Domine, visitando purifica; ut veniens Jesus Christus Filius tuus Dominus noster, cum omnibus Sanctis, paratam sibi in nobis inveniat mansionem. Qui tecum vivit et regnat, &c.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Benedicamus Domino.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Fidelium animæ, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Visit, O Lord, we beseech thee, and purify our consciences; that Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, when he cometh with all his Saints, may find in us a mansion prepared for him. Who liveth and reigneth, &c.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

[If any of the other Hours be recited immediately in order what follows is not said here, but at the end of the last Hour.]

Pater noster (secreto).

Our Father (in secreto).

V. Dominum det nobis
suam pacem.

R. Et vitam æternam.
Amen.

V. May the Lord give us
his peace.

R. And life everlasting
Amen.

Then is said one of the Antiphons of the Blessed Virgin, according to the season. The Antiphon is to be said kneeling, both here and at the end of Compline, except in Paschal time, when it is to be said standing.

From Compline on the Feast of the Purification to None on Holy Saturday, inclusively.

THE ANTIPHON.

Ave, Regina cœlorum !
Ave, domina angelorum !
Salve, radix, salve, porta.
Ex qua mundo Lux est orta.
Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
Super omnes speciosa.
Vale, O valde decora !
Et pro nobis Christum exora.

Hail, O Queen of Heav'n enthron'd !
Hail, by angels mistresses own'd !
Root of Jesse ! Gate of morn !
Whence the world's true Light was
born.
Glorious Virgin, joy to thee,
Loveliest whom in heaven they
see ;
Fairest thou where all are fair !
Plead with Christ our sins to spare.

V. Dignare me laudare
te, Virgo sacrata.

R. Da mihi virtutem contra
hostes tuos.

V. Vouchsafe that I may
praise thee, O sacred Virgin.

R. Give me strength
against thine enemies.

Oremus.

Concede, misericors Deus, fragilitati nostræ præsidium ; ut qui sanctæ Dei Genitricis memoriam agimus, intercessionis ejus auxilium a nostris iniquitatibus resurgamus. Per eundem Christum, &c.

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium
maneant semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, support to our frailty ; that we who commemorate the holy Mother of God, may, by the help of her intercession, arise from our iniquities. Through the same Christ our Lord, &c.

R. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance remain always with us

R. Amen.

In Paschal time.

THE ANTIPHON.

Regina Cœli, lætare! alleluia.
 Quia quem meruisti portare; alleluia.
 Resurrexit sicut dixit; alleluia.
 Oia pro nobis Deum; alleluia.

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven
 alleluia.
 He whom thou wast meet to
 bear; alleluia.
 As he promis'd hath arisen; alleluia.
 Pour for us to him thy prayer
 alleluia.

V. Gaude et lætare, Virgo Maria: alleluia.

R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere: alleluia.

Oremus.

Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui Domini nostri Jesu Christi mundum lætificare dignatus es; præsta, quæsumus, ut per ejus Genitricem Virginem Mariam perpetuæ capiamus gaudia vitæ. Per eundem Christum, &c.

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary: alleluia.

R. For the Lord hath risen indeed: alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst vouchsafe to give joy to the world through the resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; grant, we beseech thee, that, through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ, &c.

R. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance remain always with us

R. Amen.

From the Feast of the Holy Trinity to Advent.

THE ANTIPHON.

Salve, Regina, mater misericordis;
 Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.

Ad te clamamus, exules filii Hebræ;

Mother of mercy, hail, O gentle Queen!

Our life, our sweetness, and our hope, all hail!

Children of Eve,
 To thee we cry from our banishment;

To thee we send our sighs.

Ad te suspiramus, gementes et
sentes in hac lacrymarum valle.

Eia ergo, Advocata nostra.

Illos tuos misericordes oculos ad
nos converte :

Et Jesum, benedictum fructum
ventris tui,

Nobis post hoc exilium ostende,
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo
Maria.

V. Ora pro nobis, sancta
Dei Genitrix.

R. Ut digni efficiamur
promissionibus Christi.

Oremus.

Omnipotens sempiterne
Deus, qui gloriosæ Vir-
ginis Matris Mariæ corpus
et animam, ut dignum Filii
tui habitaculum effici mere-
retur, Spiritu Sancto co-
operante, præparasti; da, ut
ejus commemoratione læ-
tamur, ejus pia intercessione
ab instantibus malis et a
morte perpetua liberemur.
Per eundem Christum, &c.

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium ma-
neat semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

Weeping and mourning in this
tearful vale.

Come, then, our Advocate;

Oh, turn on us those pitying eyes
of thine:

And our long exile past,

Show us at last

Jesus, of thy pure womb the fruit
divine.

O Virgin Mary, mother blest

O sweetest, gentlest, holiest!

V. Pray for us, O holy
Mother of God.

R. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Let us pray.

O almighty, everlasting
God, who, by the co-ope-
ration of the Holy Ghost,
didst prepare the body and
soul of Mary, glorious Vir-
gin and Mother, to become
the worthy habitation of thy
Son; grant that we may be
delivered from instant evils
and from everlasting death
by her pious intercession, in
whose commemoration we
rejoice. Through the same
Christ, &c.

R. Amen.

V. May the divine assist-
ance remain always with
us.

R. Amen.

*From Advent to the Purification.**Office 2 and 3.*

THE ANTIPHON.

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quæ pervia cœli	Mother of Christ! see how thy people's cry,
Porta manes, et Stella maria, suc- curre cadenti,	Star of the deep, and Portal of the sky!
Parcere qui curat, populo: tu quæ genuisti,	Mother of Him who thee from nothing made.
Natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem:	Sinking we strive, and call to thee for aid:
Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabriellæ ab ore,	Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Annens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.	Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.

In Advent.

V. Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ.

R. Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

Oremus.

Gratiam tuam, quæsumus, Domine, mentibus nostris infunde; ut qui, angelo nuntiante, Christi Filii tui incarnationem cognovimus, per passionem ejus et crucem ad resurrectionis gloriam perducamur. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R Amen.

V. The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

From Christmas-day to the Purification.

V. Post partum virgo inviolata permansisti.

R. Dei Genitrix, intercede pro nobis.

V. After child-birth thou didst remain a pure virgin.

R. Intercede for us, O Mother of God

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Deus, qui salutis æternæ, beatæ Mariæ virginitate fecunda, humano generi præmia præstitisti; tribue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercedere sentiamus, per quam meruimus auctorem vitæ suscipere, Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum. Qui vivit, &c.

O God, who, by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech thee, that we may experience her intercession for us, through whom we have received the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son. Who liveth, &c.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.

V. May the divine assistance remain always with us.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

Pater noster (*secreto*).

Our Father (*secretly*).

Prime.

O divine and adorable Lord Jesus Christ, who hast graciously redeemed us by thy bitter passion and death, we offer up this hour of Prime to thy honor and glory; and most humbly beseech thee, through the great humiliation thou didst undergo in being condemned before the false tribunals of Pilate and Herod, where thou wast reviled by the soldiery, clothed like a fool, and degraded below the worst of criminals, to grant us true humility of heart, and a sincere conviction of our own wretchedness, misery, poverty, blindness, and destitution, that we may never esteem ourselves above the lowest of our fellow-creatures, but always acknowledge ourselves truly the worst of sinners; so that our extreme misery may excite thy tender compassion and infinite goodness to forgive us all our sins, to replenish us with thy divine grace, and to exalt us to eternal glory in heaven. Amen

Ave Maria.

V. Deus, in adjutorium
meum intende.

R. Domine, ad adjuvan-
dum me festina.

Gloria, &c.

Hail. Mary.

V. O God, come to my
assistance.

R. O Lord, make haste to
help me.

Glory, &c.

HYMN.

Memento, rerum Conditor,
Nostri quod olim corporis
Sacrata ab alvo Virginis
Nascendo formam sumpseris.

Maria, mater gratiæ,
Dulcis parens clementiæ,
Tu nos ab hoste protege,
Et mortis hora suscipe.

Jesu, tibi sit gloria,
Qui natus es de Virgine,
Cum Patre, et almo Spiritu
In æmpiterna sæcula. Amen.

Remember, O Creator Lord
That in the Virgin's sacred
womb
Thou wast conceiv'd, and of her
flesh
Didst our mortality assume.
Mother of grace, O Mary blest!
To thee, sweet fount of love, we
fly:
Shield us through life, and take us
hence
To thy dear bosom when we die
O Jesu! born of Virgin bright,
Immortal glory be to Thee!
Praise to the Father infinite,
And Holy Ghost eternally.

Office 1. From the Purification to Advent.

Ant. Assumpta est.

Ant. Mary was taken up

Office 2. In Advent.

Ant. Missus est.

Ant. The angel.

Office 3. From Christmas-day to the Purification.

Ant. O admirabile com-
mercium!

Ant. O marvellous inter-
course!

Psalm liii. Deus, in nomine tuo.

Deus, in nomine tuo sal-
vum me fac: et in virtute
tua judica me.

Deus, exaudi orationem
meam: auribus percipe ver-
ba oris mei.

1 O God, save me in thy
name: and judge me in thy
strength.

2 O Lord, hear my pray-
er: and hearken to the
words of my mouth.

Quoniam alieni insurrexerunt adversum me, et fortes quæsierunt animam meam: et non proposuerunt Deum ante conspectum suum.

Ecce enim Deus adjuvat me: et Dominus susceptor est animæ meæ.

Averte mala inimicis meis: et in veritate tua perde illos.

Voluntarie sacrificabo tibi: et confitebor nomini tuo, Domine, quoniam bonum est.

Quoniam ex omni tribulatione eripuisti me: et super inimicos meos despexit oculus meus.

Gloria, &c.

3 For strangers have risen up against me, and the mighty have sought after my soul: and they have not set God before their eyes.

4 Behold, God is my helper: and the Lord upholdeth my soul.

5 Turn back the evil upon mine enemies: and destroy them in thy truth.

6 Freely will I sacrifice unto thee: and will praise thy name, O Lord, for it is good.

7 For thou hast delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath looked down upon mine enemies.

Glory, &c.

Psalm lxxxiv. *Benedixisti, Domine.*

Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Jacob.

Remisisti iniquitatem plebis tuæ: operuisti omnia peccata eorum.

Mitigasti omnem iram tuam: avertisti ab ira indignationis tuæ.

Converte nos, Deus salutaris noster: et averte iram tuam a nobis.

Numquid in æternum irasceris nobis: aut extends

1 Thou hast blessed thy land, O Lord: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people: thou hast covered all their sins.

3 Thou hast softened all thine anger: thou hast turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

4 Convert thou us, O God our Saviour: and turn away thine anger from us.

5 Wilt thou be angry with us forever: or wilt thou

iram tuam a generatione in generationem?

Deus, tu conversus vivificabis nos: et plebs tua lætabitur in te.

Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam: et salutare tuum da nobis.

Audiam quid loquatur in me Dominus Deus: quoniam loquetur pacem in plebem suam:

Et super Sanctos suos: et in eos qui convertuntur ad cor.

Verumtamen prope timentes, eum salutare ipsius: ut inhabitet gloria in terra nostra.

Misericordia et veritas obviaverunt sibi: justitia et pax osculatæ sunt.

Veritas de terra orta est: et justitia de cælo prospexit.

Etenim Dominus dabit benignitatem: et terra nostra dabit fructum suum.

Justitia ante eum ambulabit: et ponet in via gressus suos.

Gloria, &c.

Psalm cxvi. *Laudate Dominum.*

Laudate Dominum, om-

stretch out thy wrath from generation to generation!

6 Thou wilt turn again, O God, and quicken us: and thy people shall rejoice in thee.

7 Show us, O Lord, thy mercy: and grant us thy salvation.

8 I will hearken what the Lord God shall say within me: for he will speak peace unto his people:

9 Unto his Saints likewise: and to those who are converted in heart.

10 Surely his salvation is nigh unto them that fear him: that glory may dwell in our land.

11 Mercy and truth have met together: justice and peace have kissed each other.

12 Truth is sprung out of the earth: and justice hath looked down from heaven.

13 For the Lord shall put forth his goodness, and our land shall yield us fruit.

14 Justice shall walk before him: and shall set his footsteps in the way.

Glory, &c.

1 Praise the Lord, all ye

Omnes gentes : laudate eum, omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus : et veritas Domini manet in sternum

Gloria &c.

gentiles : praise him, all ye people.

2 For his mercy is confirmed upon us : and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

Glory, &c.

Office 1.

Ant. Assumpta est Maria in celum : gaudent angeli, et exultantes benedicunt Domini.

Ant. Mary was taken up into heaven : the angels rejoice, and with praises bless the Lord.

Office 2.

Ant. Missus est Gabriel angelus ad Mariam, virginem, desponsatam Joseph.

Ant. The angel Gabriel was sent to Mary, a virgin espoused to Joseph.

Office 3.

Ant. O admirabile commercium ! Creator generis humani, animatum corpus sumens, de virgine nasci dignatus est ; et procedens homo sine semine, largitus est nobis suam deitatem.

Ant. O marvellous intercourse ! the Creator of mankind, taking a body with a living soul, vouchsafed to be born of a virgin ; and becoming man without man's concurrence bestowed upon us his deity.

The Little Chapter.

Office 1 and 3. Cant. vi. 9.

Quæ est ista quæ progreditur quasi aurora consurgens, pulchra ut luna, electa ut sol, terribilis ut castrorum acies ordinata ?

R. Deo gratias.

Who is she that cometh forth as the morning rising fair as the morn, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in array ?

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Dignare me laudare te, Virgo sacrata.

R. Da mihi virtutem contra hostes tuos.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Vouchsafe, that I may praise thee, O sacred Virgin.

R. Give me strength against thine enemies.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

From the Purification to Advent.

Oremus.

Deus, qui virginalem aulam beatæ Mariæ Virginis in qua habitares, eligere dignatus es; da, quæsumus, ut sua nos defensione munitos, jucundos facias suæ interesse commemorationi. Qui vivis et regnas, &c.

R. Amen

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Benedicamus Domino.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Fidei huius animæ, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst vouchsafe to choose the chaste chamber of the blessed Virgin Mary to dwell therein, grant, we beseech thee, that fortified with her defence, we may find our joy in taking part in her commemoration. Who livest and reignest, &c.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

From Christmas to the Purification

Oremus.

Deus, qui salutis æternæ

Let us pray.

O God, who, by the fruit

beatæ Mariæ virginitate fecunda, humano generi præmia præstitisti; tribue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercedere sentiamus, per quam meruimus auctorem vitæ suscipere, Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum. Qui vivis et regnas, &c.

R. Amen.

Domine. exaudi, &c. (*ut supra*).

ful virginity of the blessed Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech thee, that we may experience her intercession, through whom we have received the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ. Who livest and reignest, &c.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear, &c. (*as above*).

The Little Chapter.

Office 2. Is. vii. 14, 15.

Ecce, virgo concipiet, et pariet filium, et vocabitur nomen ejus Emmanuel: butyrum et mel comedet, ut sciat reprobare malum, et eligere bonum.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Dignare me laudare te, Virgo sacrata.

R. Da mihi virtutem contra hostes tuos.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

V. Domine. exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui de beatæ Mariæ

Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and to choose the good.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O sacred Virgin.

R. Give me strength against thine enemies.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O God, who wast pleased

Virginis utero, Verbum tuum, angelo nuntiante, carnem suscipere voluisti; præsta supplicibus tuis, ut qui vere eam genitricem Dei credimus, ejus apud te intercessionibus adjuvemur. Per eundem Dominum, &c.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Benedicamus Domino.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Fidelium animæ, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace.

R. Amen

that thy Word, at the message of an angel, should take flesh in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary: grant to us, thy humble servants, that, as we believe her to be truly the Mother of God, we may be assisted also by her intercessions with thee. Through the same Lord, &c.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen

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Terce.

O divine and adorable Lord Jesus Christ, who hast graciously redeemed us by thy bitter passion and death we offer up this hour of Terce to thy honor and glory and most humbly beseech thee, through the torments thou didst endure in being cruelly scourged at the pillar, crowned with thorns, and unjustly condemned to be crucified, to grant us patience, longanimity under the scourges of temporal afflictions, courage to walk in the thorny road to the narrow gate which opens to eternal bliss, and perseverance under all the crosses of this life, which are the portion of thine elect; that, by suffering for our sins, we may fully satisfy thy divine justice as

earth and may enter into thy glory immediately after death. Amen.

Ave Maria.
V. Deus, in adjutorium
meum intende.
R. Domine, ad adjuvan-
dum me festina.
Gloria, &c.

Hail, Mary
V. O God, come to our
assistance.
R. O Lord, make haste
to help us.
Glory, &c.

Hymn, Memento, as above, p. 892.

Office 1.

Ant. Maria Virgo

Ant. The Virgin Mary.

Office 2.

Ant. Ave Maria

Ant. Hail, Mary.

Office 3.

Ant. Quando natus es.

Ant. When thou wast
born.

Psalm cxix. Ad Dominum.

Ad Dominum, cum tribu-
larer, clamavi: et exaudivit
me.

Domine, libera animam
meam a labiis iniquis: et a
lingua dolosa.

Quid detur tibi, aut quid
apponatur tibi: ad linguam
dolosam?

Sagittæ potentis acutæ:
cum carbonibus desolato-
riis.

Heu mihi, quia incolatus
meus prolongatus est!

1 When I was in trouble
I cried unto the Lord: and
he heard me.

2 O Lord, deliver my
soul from wicked lips: and
from a deceitful tongue.

3 What can be given to
thee, or what can be super-
added to thee: unto a de-
ceitful tongue?

4 Sharp arrows of the
mighty one: with desola-
ting coals.

5 Wo is me, that my so-
journing is prolonged! I

Habitavi cum habitantibus
Cedar: multum incola fuit
anima mea.

Cum his qui oderunt pa-
cem, eram pacificus: cum
loquebar illis, impugnabant
me gratis.

Gloria, &c.

have dwelt with the inhab-
itants of Cedar: my soul
hath been long a sojourner.

6 With them that hated
peace, I was peaceable:
when I spake unto them,
they fought against me
without a cause.

Glory, &c.

Psalm cxx. *Levavi oculos*

Levavi oculos meos in
montes; unde veniet aux-
ilium mihi.

Auxilium meum a Domi-
no; qui fecit cœlum et ter-
ram.

Non det in commotionem
pedem tuum: neque dormi-
tet qui custodet te.

Ecce, non dormitabit ne-
que dormiet: qui custodit
Israel.

Dominus custodit te, Do-
minus protectio tua: super
manum dexteram tuam.

Per diem sol non uret
te: neque luna per noctem.

Dominus custodit te ab
omni malo: custodiat ani-
mam tuam Dominus.

Dominus custodiat introi-
tum tuum, et exitum tuum:
ex hoc nunc, et usque in
sæculum.

Gloria, &c.

1 I have lifted up mine
eyes unto the hills: from
whence shall come my help

2 My help is from the
Lord: who hath made heav-
en and earth.

3 Let him not suffer thy
foot to be moved: neither
let him sleep that keepeth
thee.

4 Behold, he shall neither
slumber nor sleep: that
keepeth Israel.

5 The Lord is thy keep-
er, the Lord is thy defence:
upon thy right hand.

6 The sun shall not burn
thee by day: nor the moon
by night.

7 The Lord preserveth
thee from all evil: may the
Lord preserve thy soul.

8 May the Lord preserve
thy coming in and thy go-
ing out: from this time
forth for evermore.

Glory &c.

Psalm cxxi. *Iætatus sum in his.*

**Lætatus sum in his quæ
dicta sunt mihi: In domum
Domini ibimus.**

**Stantes erant pedes nos-
tri: in atriis tuis Jerusalem.**

**Jerusalem, quæ ædifica-
tur ut civitas: cujus par-
ticipatio ejus in idipsum.**

**Illuc enim ascenderunt
tribus, tribus Domini: tes-
timonium Israel, ad confi-
tendum nomini Domini.**

**Quia illic sederunt sedes
in judicio: sedes super do-
mum David.**

**Rogate quæ ad pacem
sunt, Jerusalem: et abun-
dantia diligentibus te.**

**Fiat pax in virtute tua:
et abundantia in turribus
tuis.**

**Propter fratres meos et
proximos meos: loquebar
pacem de te.**

**Propter domum Domini
Dei nostri: quæsi vi bona
tibi.**

Gloria, &c.

**1 I was glad at the things
that were said unto me:
We will go into the house
of the Lord.**

**2 Our feet were wont to
stand: in thy courts. O Je-
rusalem.**

**3 Jerusalem, which is
built as a city: that is at
unity with itself.**

**4 For thither did the
tribes go up, the tribes of
the Lord: the testimony of
Israel, to praise the name
of the Lord.**

**5 For there are set the
seats of judgment: the
seats over the house of
David.**

**6 Pray ye for the things
that are for the peace of
Jerusalem: and plenteous-
ness be to them that love
thee.**

**7 Let peace be in thy
strength: and plenteousness
in thy towers.**

**8 For my brethren and
companions' sake: I spake
peace concerning thee.**

**9 Because of the house
of the Lord our God: I
have sought good things
for thee.**

Glory, &c.

Office 1.

Ant. Maria Virgo as-

Ant. The Virgin Mary

sumpta est ad æthereum
 aulam, in quo rex re-
 gum stellato sedet solio.

was taken up to the heav-
 enly chamber, where the
 King of kings sitteth on his
 starry throne.

Office 2.

Ant. Ave Maria, gratia
 plena, Dominus tecum
 benedicta tu in mulieribus.

Ant. Hail, Mary, full of
 grace, the Lord is with
 thee: blessed art thou
 among women.

Office 3.

Ant. Quando natus es
 ineffabiliter ex Virgine, tunc
 impletæ sunt Scripturæ.
 Sicut pluvia in vellus de-
 scendisti, ut salvum faceres
 genus humanum: te lauda-
 mus, Deus noster.

Ant. When thou wast
 born of a Virgin, after an
 ineffable manner, then were
 the Scriptures fulfilled.
 Thou didst come down like
 rain upon the fleece, that
 thou mightest save man-
 kind: we praise thee, O
 our God.

The Little Chapter.

Office 1 and 3. Ecclus xxiv. 15.

Et sic in Sion firmata
 sum, et in civitate sanctifi-
 cata similiter requievi, et in
 Jerusalem potestas mea.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Diffusa est gratia in
 labiis tuis.

R. Propterea benedixit
 Deus in æternum.

Kyrie eleison. Christe
 eleison. Kyrie eleison.

V. Domine, exaudi ora-
 tionem meam.

R. Et clamor meus au-
 diatur.

And so was I established
 in Sion, and in the holy city
 likewise I rested, and my
 power was in Jerusalem.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Grace was poured
 forth on thy lips.

R. Therefore hath God
 blessed thee forever.

Lord, have mercy. Christ,
 have mercy. Lord, have
 mercy.

V. O Lord, hear my
 prayer.

R. And let my cry come
 unto thee.

Oramus.

Let us pray.

Deus qui salutis æternæ, beatæ Mariæ virginitate fecunda, humano generi præmia præstitisti; tribue, quaerimus, ut ipsam, pro nobis intercedere sentiamus, per quam meruimus auctorem vitæ suscipere, Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum. Qui vivit et regnat, &c.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Benedicamus Domino.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Fidelium animæ, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace.

R. Amen.

O God, who, by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech thee, that we may experience her intercession, through whom we have received the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ. Who livest and reignest, &c.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. Let us bless the Lord

R. Thanks be to God.

V. May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

*The Little Chapter.**Office 2. Isa. xi. 1, 2.*

Egredietur virga de radice Jesse, et flos de radice ejus ascendet, et requiescet super eum Spiritus Domini.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis.

R. Propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum.

There shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse, and a flower shall rise up out of his root, and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Grace was poured forth on thy lips.

R. Therefore hath God blessed thee forever.

Kyrie eleison. Christe
eleison. Kyrie eleison.

V. Domine, exaudi ora-
tionem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te
veniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui de beatæ Ma-
riæ Virginis utero verbum
tuum, angelo nuntiante,
carnem suscipere voluisti;
præsta supplicibus tuis, ut
qui vere eam Genitricem
Dei credimus, ejus apud te
intercessionibus adjuvemur.
Per eundem Dominum nos-
trum, &c.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi ora-
tionem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te
veniat.

V. Benedicamus Domi-
no.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Fidelium animæ, per
misericordiam Dei, requies-
cant in pace.

R. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Christ
have mercy. Lord, have
mercy.

V. O Lord, hear my
prayer.

R. And let my cry come
unto thee.

Let us pray

O God, who wast pleased
that thy Word, at the mes-
sage of the angel, should
take flesh in the womb of
the blessed Virgin Mary;
grant to us, thy humble ser-
vants, that, as we believe
her to be truly the Mother
of God, we may be assisted
also by her intercessions
with thee. Through the
same Lord, &c.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my
prayer.

R. And let my cry come
unto thee.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. May the souls of the
faithful, through the mercy
of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Sert.

O divine and adorable Lord Jesus Christ, who hast
graciously redeemed us by thy bitter passion and death,

we offer up this hour of Sext to thy honor and glory and most humbly beseech thee, through the faintings thou didst endure in bearing the cross from Pilate's tribunal to Calvary, and the excessive pains thou didst suffer, when thy tender hands and feet were cruelly pierced with gross nails, and fastened to the cross, to grant us thy strengthening grace to arise immediately whenever we fall into sin, and to restrain our hands, our feet, and our other sensitive powers, from injuring our neighbor and from all evil deeds; that we may rise up, and go to our heavenly Father with our hands replete with good works, and may merit thy eternal rewards. Amen.

Ave Maria.

V. Deus, in adjutorium meum intende.

R. Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.

Gloria, &c.

Hail, Mary.

V. O God, come to my assistance.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory, &c.

Hymn, Memento, as above p. 892.

Office 1.

Ant. In odorem.

Ant. We run.

Office 2.

Ant. Ne timeas, Maria.

Ant. Fear not, Mary.

Office 3.

Ant. Rubum quem viderat Moysee.

Ant. In the bush which Moses saw.

Psalm cxxii.

Ad te levavi.

Ad te levavi oculos meos: qui habitas in cœlis.

1 Unto thee have I lifted up mine eyes: who dwellest in the heavens.

Ecce, sicut oculi servorum: in manibus domino- rum suorum;

2 Behold as the eyes of servants: are on the hands of their masters;

Sicut oculi ancillæ in manibus dominæ suæ: ita oculi nostri ad Dominum Deum nostrum, donec miseretur nostri.

Miserere nostri, Domine, miserere nostri: quia multum repleti sumus despectione.

Quia multum repleta est anima nostra: opprobrium abundantibus, et despectio superbis.

Gloria, &c.

3 As the eyes of the maiden are on the hands of her mistress: even so are our eyes unto the Lord our God. until he have mercy upon us.

4 Have mercy upon us O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we are greatly filled with contempt.

5 Yea, our soul is greatly filled: we are an offence unto the wealthy, and a contempt unto the proud.

Glory, &c.

Psalm cxliii. *Nisi quia Dominus.*

Nisi quia Dominus erat in nobis, dicat nunc Israel: nisi quia Dominus erat in nobis;

Cum exurgerent homines in nos: forte vivos deglutissent nos.

Cum irasceretur furor eorum in nos: forsitan aqua absorbuisset nos.

Torrentem pertransiuit anima nostra: forsitan pertransisset anima nostra aquam intolerabilem.

Benedictus Dominus: qui non dedit nos in captionem dentibus eorum.

Anima nostra sicut passer

1 Unless the Lord had been with us, now may Israel say: unless the Lord had been with us;

2 When men rose up against us: peradventure they had swallowed us up alive.

3 When their fury was enkindled against us. peradventure the waters had swallowed us up.

4 Our soul passed through a torrent: peradventure our soul would have passed through waters insupportable.

5 Blessed be the Lord who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.

6 Our soul hath been

crepta est : de laqueo venantium.

Laqueus contritus est : et nos liberati sumus.

Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini : qui fecit cælum et terram.

Gloria, &c.

snatched as a sparrow . out of the snare of the fowlers

7 The snare is broken : and we are delivered.

8 Our help is in the name of the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.

Glory, &c

Psalm cxxiv. Qui confidunt.

Qui confidunt in Domino, sicut mons Sion : non commovebitur in æternum, qui habitat in Jerusalem.

Montes in circuitu ejus : et Dominus in circuitu populi sui, ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

Quia non relinquet Dominus virgam peccatorum super sortem justorum : ut non extendant justi ad iniquitatem manus suas.

Benefac, Domine, bonis : et rectis corde.

Declinantes autem in obligationes, adducet Dominus cum operantibus iniquitatem : pax super Israel.

Gloria, &c.

1 They who trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Sion : he shall not be moved forever, that dwelleth in Jerusalem.

2 The hills are round about her : even so is the Lord round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

3 For the Lord will not leave the rod of sinners upon the lot of the just : that the just stretch not forth their hands to iniquity.

4 Do well, O Lord, to those that are good : and to the right of heart.

5 But such as turn aside unto deceits, the Lord shall number with the workers of iniquity : peace upon Israel.

Glory, &c.

Office 1.

Ant. In odorem unguentorum tuorum currimus .

Ant. We run to the odor of thy ointments : the young

adolescentulæ dilexerunt te nimis. maidens have loved thee exceedingly.

Office 2.

Ant. Ne timeas, Maria, invenisti gratiam apud Dominum: ecce, concipies et paries filium. Alleluia. *Ant.* Fear not, Mary, thou hast found grace with the Lord: behold, thou shalt conceive and bear a son Alleluia.

Office 3.

Ant. Rubum quem viderat Moyses incombustum, conservatam agnovimus tuam laudabilem virginitatem: Dei Genitrix, intercede pro nobis. *Ant.* In the bush which Moses saw unconsumed, we acknowledge thy admirable virginity preserved: intercede for us, O Mother of God.

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Office 1 and 3. Ecclus. xxiv. 16

Et radice vi in populo honorificatus, et in parte Dei mei hæreditas illius: et in plenitudine sanctorum detentio mea. And I took root in all honorable people, and in the portion of my God his inheritance: and my abode is in the full assembly of Saints.

R. Deo gratias.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Benedicta tu in mulieribus.

V. Blessed art thou among women.

R. Et Benedictus fructus ventris tui.

R. And blessed is the fruit of thy womb

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

R. And let my cry come unto thee

From the Purification to Advent.

Oremus.

Concede, misericors Deus,
fragilitati nostræ præsidium,
ut qui sanctæ Dei Genitricis
memoriam agimus, interces-
sionis ejus auxilio, a nostris
iniquitatibus resurgamus.
Per eundem

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi ora-
tionem meam.R. Et clamor meus ad te
veniat.

V. Benedicamus Domino.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Fidelium animæ, per
misericordiam Dei, requies-
cant in pace.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Grant, O most merciful
God, a support to our frail-
ty, that we who commemo-
rate the holy Mother of God,
may, by the assistance of her
intercession, arise from our
iniquities. Through the
same Lord.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my
prayer.R. And let my cry come
unto thee.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. May the souls of the
faithful, through the mercy
of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

From Christmas to the Purification.

Oremus.

Deus, qui salutis æternæ,
beatæ Mariæ virginitate fœ-
cunda, humano generi præ-
mia præstitisti; tribue, quæ-
sumus, ut ipsam pro nobis
intercedere sentiamus, per
quam meruimus auctorem
vitæ suscipere, Dominum
nostrum Jesum Christum
Qui vivit et regnat, &c.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi, &c.
(*ut supra*).

Let us pray.

O God, who, by the fruit-
ful virginity of the blessed
Mary, hast given to man-
kind the rewards of eternal
salvation; grant, we beseech
thee, that we may be sen-
sible of her intercession,
through whom we have re-
ceived the author of life, our
Lord Jesus Christ. Who
liveth and reigneth, &c.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear, &c. (*as
above*).

The Little Chapter.

Office 2. Luke i. 32.

Dabit ei Dominus Deus
sedem David patris ejus : et
regnabit in domo Jacob in
æternum; et regni ejus non
erit finis.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Benedicta tu, &c. (*ut
supra*).

Oremus.

Deus, qui de beatæ Mariæ
virginis utero Verbum tuum,
angelo nuntiante, carnem
suscipere voluisti; præsta
supplicibus tuis, ut qui vere
eam Genitricem Dei credi-
mus, ejus apud te interces-
sionibus adjuvemur. Per
eumdem, &c.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi, &c.
(*ut supra*).

The Lord God shall give
unto him the throne of
David his father: and he
shall reign in the house of
Jacob forever, and of his
kingdom there shall be no
end.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Blessed art thou, &c.
(*as above*).

Let us pray.

O God, who wast pleased
that thy Word, at the mes-
sage of an angel, should
take flesh in the womb of
the blessed Virgin Mary;
grant to us, thy humble ser-
vants, that, as we believe
her to be truly the mother
of God, we may be assisted
also by her intercessions
with thee. Through the
same Lord, &c.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear, &c. (*as
above*)

None.

O divine and adorable Lord, who hast graciously re-
deemed us by thy bitter passion and death, we offer up
this hour of None to thy honor and glory; and most
humbly beseech thee, through the torments and agony
thou didst suffer when hanging for three hours upon the

cross, and through thy precious death, which gave redemption and life to the world, and through thy sacred burial, to grant us thy divine assistance, and the grace of the holy sacraments at our last hour and agony; and to give us a happy death, precious in thy sight and pure from the least defilement of sin; that we may be attended at our death by thy holy angels, and by them borne on high into those blissful regions, where we may contemplate thy divinity for evermore. Amen.

Ave Maria.

V. Deus, in adiutorium meum interde.

R. Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.

Gloria, &c.

Hail, Mary.

V. O God, come to my assistance.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory, &c.

Hymn, Memento, as above, p. 892.

Office 1.

Ant. Pulchra es.

Ant. Thou art fair.

Office 2.

Ant. Ecce ancilla Domini.

Ant. Behold the handmaid.

Office 3.

Ant. Ecce Maria.

Ant. Behold Mary.

Psalm cxxv. In convertendo.

In convertendo Dominus raptivitatē Sion: facti sumus sicut consolati.

Tunc repletum est gaudio os nostrum: et lingua nostra exultatione.

Tunc dicent inter gentes Magnificavit Dominus faciem suam eis.

1 When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion: we became like men that are comforted.

2 Then was our mouth filled with gladness: and our tongue with joy.

3 Then shall they say among the Gentiles: The Lord hath done great things for them.

Magnificavit Dominus facere nobiscum: facti sumus lætantes.

Converte, Domine, captivitatem nostram: sicut torrens in austro.

Qui seminant in lacrymis: in exultatione metent.

Eantes ibant et flebant: mittentes semina sua.

Venientes autem venient cum exultatione. portantes manipulos suos.

Gloria, &c.

Psalm cxxvi.

Nisi Dominus ædificaverit domum: in vanum laboraverunt qui ædificant eam.

Nisi Dominus custodierit civitatem: frustra vigilat qui custodit eam.

Vanum est vobis ante lucem surgere: surgite postquam sederitis, qui manducatis panem doloris.

Cum dederit dilectis suis somnum: ecce hæreditas Domini filii, merces fructus ventris.

Sicut sagittæ in manu potentis: ita filii excussorum

Beatus vir qui implevit desiderium suum ex ipsis

4 The Lord hath done great things for us: we are become very joyful.

5 Turn again our captivity, O Lord: as a river in the south.

6 They that sow in tears: shall reap in joy.

7 Going on their way they went and wept: scattering their seed.

8 But returning they shall come with joyfulness: bringing their sheaves with them.

Glory, &c.

Nisi Dominus.

1 Unless the Lord build the house: they labor in vain that build it.

2 Unless the Lord keep the city: he watcheth in vain that keepeth it.

3 In vain ye rise before the light: rise not till ye have rested, O ye that eat the bread of sorrow.

4 When he hath given sleep to his beloved: lo, children are an heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb a reward.

5 Like as arrows in the hand of the mighty one: so are the children of them who have been cast out

6 Blessed is the man whose desire is satisfied

non confundetur cum lo-
quetur inimicis suis in por-
ta.

Gloria, &c.

with them : ne shall not be
confounded, when he speak-
eth with his enemies in the
gate.

Glory, &c.

Psalm cxxvii. *Beati Omnes.*

Beati omnes qui timent
Dominum : qui ambulant in
viis ejus.

Labore manuum tuarum
quia manducabis : beatus
es, et bene tibi erit.

Uxor tua sicut vitis abun-
dans : in lateribus domus
tuæ.

Fili tui sicut novellæ
olivæ : in circuitu men-
sæ tuæ.

Ecce sic benedicetur ho-
mo : qui timet Dominum.

Benedicat tibi Dominus
ex Sion : et videas bona
Jerusalem omnibus diebus
vitæ tuæ.

Et videas filios filiorum
tuorum : pacem super Israel.

Gloria, &c.

1 Blessed are all they
that fear the Lord : that
walk in his ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the
labors of thy hands : bless-
ed art thou, and it shall be
well with thee.

3 Thy wife shall be as a
fruitful vine : on the walls
of thy house.

4 Thy children as olive
plants : round about thy
table.

5 Behold, thus shall the
man be blessed : that fear-
eth the Lord.

6 May the Lord bless
thee out of Sion : and
mayest thou see the good
things of Jerusalem all the
days of thy life.

7 And mayest thou see
thy children's children :
peace upon Israel.

Glory, &c.

Office 1.

Ant. Pulchra es et decora,
filia Jerusalem : terribilis ut
castrorum acies ordinata.

Ant. Thou art fair and
comely, O daughter of Je-
rusalem : terrible as an
army set in array.

Office 2

Ans. Ecce ancilla Domini: fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Ans. Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it done unto me according to thy word.

Office 3.

Ans. Ecce, Maria genuit nobis Salvatorem, quem Joannes videns exclamavit, dicens: Ecce Agnus Dei, ecce qui tollit peccata mundi. Alleluia.

Ans. Behold, Mary hath borne us the Saviour, whom John beholding, exclaimed Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who taketh away the sins of the world. Alleluia.

*The Little Chapter.**Office 1 and 3. Ecclus. xxiv. 19, 20.*

In plateis sicut cinnamomum et balsamum aromatizans odorem dedi: quasi myrrha electa, dedi suavitatem odoris.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Post partum virgo inviolata permansisti.

R. Dei Genitrix, intercede pro nobis.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

In the streets, like cinnamon and aromatic balm, I gave forth a sweet fragrance: like the choicest myrrh, I yielded a sweetness of odor.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. After child-birth thou didst remain a pure virgin.

R. Intercede for us, O Mother of God.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

From the Purification to Advent.

Oremus.

Famulorum tuorum, quæsumus Domine delictis ignosce; ut qui tibi placere de actibus nostris non valeamus, Genitricis Filii tui Domini nostri Jesu Christi intercessione salvemur. Per eundem, &c.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Benedicamus Domino.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Fidelium animæ, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Forgive, O Lord, we beseech thee, the offences of thy servants; that we, who are unable to please thee by our own acts, may be saved by the intercession of the Mother of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through the same, &c.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

In Advent.

Oremus.

Deus, qui salutis æternæ, beatæ Mariæ virginitate fecunda, humano generi præmia præstitisti; tribue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercedere sentiamus, per quam meruimus auctorem ritæ suscipere Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum. Qui tecum vivit et regnat, &c.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi, &c. (as supra).

Let us pray.

O God, who, by the fruitful virginity of the blessed Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech thee, that we may experience her intercession, through whom we have received the author of life, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with thee, &c.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear &c. (as above).

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Office 3. Is. vii. 14, 15.

Ecce Virgo concipiet, et pariet filium, et vocabitur nomen ejus Emmanuel: butyrum et mel comedet, ut sciatur reprobare malum, et eligere bonum.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ.

R. Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

V Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui de beatæ Mariæ Virginis utero, Verbum tuum, angelo nuntiante, carnem suscipere voluisti; præsta supplicibus tuis, ut qui vere eam Genitricem Deî credimus, ejus apud te intercessionibus adjuvemur. Per eundem Dominum, &c.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi, &c. (*ut supra*).

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and to choose the good.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O God, who wast pleased that thy Word, at the message of an angel, should take flesh in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary; grant to us, thy humble servants, that, as we believe her to be truly the Mother of God, we may be assisted also by her intercessions with thee. Through the same Lord, &c.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear, &c. (*as above*).

Vespers.

O divine and adorable Lord Jesus Christ, who hast graciously redeemed us by thy bitter passion and death, we offer up these Vespers to thy honor and glory, humbly beseeching thee, through thy dolorous agony and bloody sweat which thou didst suffer in the garden, to grant us true contrition of heart, and sorrow for our sins, with a pious resolution never more to offend thee, but to satisfy thy divine justice for our past iniquities. Amen.

Ave Maria.	Hail, Mary.
V. Deus, in adjutorium meum intende.	V. O God, come to my assistance.
R. Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.	R. O Lord, make haste to help me.
Gloria, &c.	Glory, &c.

Office 1.

<i>Ant.</i> Dum esset rex.	<i>Ant.</i> While the king.
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Office 2.

<i>Ant.</i> Missus est Gabriel angelus.	<i>Ant.</i> The angel Gabriel was sent.
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Office 3.

<i>Ant.</i> O admirabile commercium!	<i>Ant.</i> O marvellous intercourse!
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Psalm cix. *Dixit Dominus.*

<i>Dixit Dominus Domino deo:</i> Sede a dextris meis:	1 The Lord said to my Lord: Sit thou at my right hand:
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Donec ponam inimicos tuos: scabellum pedum tuorum.	2 Until I make thine enemies: thy footstool.
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Virgam virtutis tue emit-	3 The Lord shall send
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tet Dominus ex Sion: dominare in medio inimicorum tuorum.

Tecum principium in die virtutis tuæ in splendoribus Sanctorum: ex utero ante meiferum genui te.

Jaravit Dominus, et non poenitebit eum: Tu es sacerdos in æternum secundum ordinem Melchisedec.

Dominus a dextris tuis: confregit in die iræ suæ reges.

Judicabit in nationibus, implebit ruinas: conquassabit capita in terra multorum.

De torrente in via bibet, propterea exaltabit caput.

Gloria, &c.

forth the rod of thy power from out of Sion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

4. Thine shall be the dominion in the day of thy power, amid the brightness of the Saints: from the womb, before the day-star have I begotten thee.

5 The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent: Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedec.

6 The Lord upon thy right hand: hath overthrown kings in the day of his wrath.

7 He shall judge among the nations, he shall fulfil destructions: he shall smite in sunder the heads in the land of many.

8 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up his head.

Glory, &c.

Office 1.

Ant. Dum esset rex in arcubitu suo, nardus mea dedit odorem suavitatis.

Ant. Læva ejus.

Ant. While the king was reposing, my spikenard yielded the odor of sweetness.

Ant. His left hand.

Office 2.

Ant. Missus est Gabriel

Ant. The angel Gabriel

Angelus ad Mariam, virginem de-ponsatam Joseph.

Ant. Ave Maria.

was sent to Mary, a virgin espoused to Joseph.

Ant. Hail, Mary.

Office 3.

Ant. O admirabile commercium! Creator generis humani, animatum corpus sumens, de virgine nasci dignatus est, et procedens homo sine semine, largitus est nobis suam deitatem.

Ant. Quando natus es.

Ant. O marvellous intercourse! the Creator of mankind, taking a body with a living soul, vouchsafed to be born of a virgin: and becoming man without man's concurrence bestowed upon us his deity

Ant. When thou wast born.

Psalm cxii. Laudate, pueri.

Laudate, pueri, Dominum: laudate nomen Domini.

Sit nomen Domini benedictum: ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

A solis ortu usque ad occasum: laudabile nomen Domini.

Excelsus super omnes gentes Dominus: et super cælos gloria ejus.

Quis sicut Dominus Deus noster, qui in altis habitat: et humilia respicit in cælo et in terra?

Suscitans a terra inopem: et de stercore erigens pauperem.

1 Praise the Lord, ye children: praise ye the name of the Lord.

2 Blessed be the name of the Lord: from this time forth, for evermore.

3 From the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same: the name of the Lord is worthy to be praised.

4 The Lord is high above all nations: and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high: and regardeth the things that are lowly in heaven and in earth?

6 Who raiseth up the needy from the earth: and lifteth the poor from off the dunghill.

Ut collocet eum cum principibus: cum principibus populi sui.

Qui habitare facit sterilem in domo: matrem filiorum instantem.

G'oria, &c.

7 That he may set him with the princes. even with the princes of his people.

8 Who maketh the barren woman to dwell in her house: the joyful mother of children.

Glory, &c.

Office 1.

Ant. Læva ejus sub capite meo, et dextera illius amplexabitur me.

Ant. Nigra sum.

Ant. His left hand under my head, and his right hand shall embrace me.

Ant. I am black.

Office 2.

Ant. Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus. Alleluia.

Ant. Ne timeas, Maria.

Ant. Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. Alleluia.

Ant. Fear not, Mary.

Office 3.

Ant. Quando natus es ineffabiliter ex virgine, tunc impletæ sunt Scripturæ: sicut pluvia in vellus descendisti, ut salvum faceres genus humanum: te laudamus, Deus noster.

An. Rubum quem viderat Moyses

Ant. When thou wast born of a virgin, after an ineffable manner, then were the Scriptures fulfilled. Thou didst come down like rain upon the fleece, that thou mightest save mankind: we praise thee, O our God.

Ant. In the bush which Moses saw.

Psalm cxxi. *Lætatus sum in his (as above, p. 901)*

Office 1.

Ant. Nigra sum, sed formosa, filiæ Jerusalem: ideo

Ant. I am black, but beautiful, O daughters of

Alexit me rex, et introduxit
me in cubiculum suum.

Jerusalem: therefore hath
the king loved me, and
brought me into his cham-
ber.

Ant. Jam hiems transiit.

Ant. Now is the winter
past.

Office 2.

A **N** timeas, Maria,
invenisti gratiam apud Do-
minum: ecce concipies, et
paries filium.

Ant. Fear not, Mary
thou hast found grace with
the Lord: behold, thou
shalt conceive, and bear a
son.

Ant. Dabit ei Dominus.

Ant. The Lord shall
give unto him.

Office 3.

Ant. Rubum quem vide-
rat Moyses incombustum,
conservatam agnovimus tu-
am laudabilem virginita-
tem. Dei Genitrix, inter-
cede pro nobis.

Ant. In the bush which
Moses saw unconsumed, we
acknowledge thy admirable
virginity preserved: inter-
cede for us, O Mother of
God.

Ant. Germinavit radix
Jesse.

Ant. The root of Jesse
hath budded.

Psalm cxxvi. *Visi Dominus (as above, p. 912).*

Office 1.

Ant. Jam hiems transiit,
imber abiit et recessit: sur-
ge, amica mea, et veni.

Ant. Now is the winter
past, the rain is over and
gone: arise, my beloved,
and come.

Ant. Speciosa facta es.

Ant. Thou art become
beautiful.

Office 2.

Ant. Dabit ei Dominus
Sedem David patris

Ant. The Lord God shall
give unto him the throne of

ejus: et regnabit in æternum.

Ant. Ecce ancilla Domini.

David his father. and he shall reign forever.

Ant. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Office 3.

Ant. Germinavit radix Jesse, orta est stella ex Jacob; virgo peperit Salvatorem te laudamus, Deus noster

Ant. Ecce Maria.

Ant. The root of Jesse hath budded, a star hath arisen out of Jacob; a virgin hath borne the Saviour we praise thee, O our God.

Ant. Behold Mary.

Psalm cxlvii. Lauda Jerusalem.

Lauda Jerusalem Dominum: lauda Deum tuum, Sion.

Quoniam confortavit seras portarum tuarum: benedixit filiis tuis in te.

Qui posuit fines tuos pacem: et adipe frumenti satiat te.

Qui emittit eloquium suum terræ: velociter currit sermo ejus.

Qui dat nivem sicut lanam: nebulam sicut cinerem spargit.

Mittit crystallum suum sicut buccellas: ante faciem frigoris ejus quis sustinebit?

Emittet verbum suum, et liquefaciet ea: flabit spiritus ejus, et fluent aquæ.

1 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Sion.

2 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates he hath blessed thy children within thee.

3 He hath made peace within thy borders: and filleth thee with the fatness of corn.

4 He sendeth forth his commandment on the earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

5 He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

6 He sendeth his ice like morsels: who is able to abide his frost?

7 He shall send forth his word, and melt them he shall blow with his wind and the waters shall flow.

Qui annuntiat verbum
cum Jacob: justitias et
judicia sua Israel.

Nor. fecit taliter omni na-
tioni: et judicia sua non
manifestavit eis.

Gloria. &c.

8 He maketh known his
word unto Jacob: his stat-
utes and ordinances unto
Israel

9 He hath not dealt so
with any nation: neither
hath he showed them his
judgments.

Glory, &c.

Office 1.

Ant. Speciosa facta es et
suavis in deliciis tuis, sanc-
ta Dei Genitrix.

Ant. Thou art become
beautiful and sweet in thy
delights, O holy Mother of
God.

Office 2.

Ant. Ecce ancilla Domi-
ni: fiat mihi secundum ver-
bum tuum.

Ant. Behold the handmaid
of the Lord: be it done unto
me according to thy word.

Office 3.

Ant. Ecce, Maria genuit
nobis Salvatorem, quem
Joannes videns exclamavit,
dicens: Ecce agnus Dei,
ecce qui tollit peccata mun-
di. Alleluia.

Ant. Behold, Mary hath
borne us the Saviour, whom
John beholding, exclaimed,
saying: Behold the Lamb of
God; behold him who taketh
away the sins of the world.
Alleluia.

The Little Chapter.

Office 1 and 3. Ecclus. xxiv. 14.

Ab initio et ante sæcula
creata sum, et usque ad fu-
turum sæculum non desi-
nam, et in habitatione sanc-
ta coram ipso ministravi.

From the beginning, and
before the world was I cre-
ated, and unto the world to
come I shall not cease to be,
and in the holy dwelling-
place I have ministered be-
fore him.

R. Deo gratias.

R. Thanks be to God.

*The Little Chapter**Office 2. Is. xi. 1, 2.*

Egredietur virga de radice Jesse, et flos de radice ejus ascendet, et requiescet super eum Spiritus Domini

There shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse and a flower shall rise up out of his root, and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.

R. *Deo gratias.*

R. Thanks be to God

HYMN.

Ave, maris stella,
Dei Mater alma,
Atque semper Virgo,
Felix cœli porta.

Gentle Star of ocean
Portal of the sky!
Ever Virgin Mother
Of the Lord most high!

Sumens illud Ave
Gabrielis ore,
Funda nos in pace,
Mutans Evæ nomen.

Oh! by Gabriel's Ave,
Uttered long ago,
Eva's name reversing,
Stablish peace below.

Solve vincla reis,
Profer lumen cæcis,
Mala nostra pelle,
Bona cuncta posce.

Break the captive's fetters
Light on blindness pour
All our ills expelling,
Every bliss implore.

Monstra te esse Matrem,
Sumat per te preces
Qui pro nobis natus,
Tulit esse tuus.

Show thyself a Mother;
Offer him our sighs,
Who for us Incarnate
Did not thee despise.

Virgo singularis,
Inter omnes mitis,
Nos culpis solutos
Mites fac et castos.

Virgin of all virgins!
To thy shelter take us:
Gentlest of the gentle!
Chaste and gentle make us.

Vitam præsta puram,
Iter para tutum;
Ut videntes Jesum
Sæpè collætémur.

Still, as on we journey,
Help our weak endeavor;
Till with thee and Jesus
We rejoice forever.

Sit laus Deo Patri,
Summum Christo decus,
Spiritui Sancto,
Tribus honor unus. Amen.

Through the highest heaven,
To the Almighty Three,
Father, Son, and Spirit,
One same glory be. Amen.

V. Diffusa est gratia in
aënis tuis.

V. Grace was poured
forth on thy lips.

R. Propterea benedixit
Deus in æternum.

R. Therefore hath the
Lord blessed thee forever.

Office 1.

Ant. Beata Mater.

Ant. Blessed Mother.

In Paschal time

4th Regina cœli

Ant. Queen of heaven.

Office 2.

Ant. Spiritus Sanctus.

Ant. The Holy Ghost.

Office 3.

Ant. Magnum hæredita-
tis mysterium.

Ant. A great mystery of
inheritance.

The Magnificat.

Magnificat: anima mea
Dominum.

Et exultavit spiritus me-
us: in Deo salutari meo.

Quia respexit humilita-
tem ancillæ suæ: ecce enim
ex hoc beatam me dicent
omnes generationes.

Quia fecit mihi magna
qui potens est: et sanctum
nomen ejus.

Et misericordia ejus a
progeni in progenies: ti-
mentibus eum.

Fecit potentiam in bra-
chio suo: dispersit super-
bos mente cordis sui.

1 My soul doth magnify
the Lord.

2 And my spirit hath re-
joiced: in God my Saviour.

3 For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his hand-
maid: for behold from
henceforth all generations
shall call me blessed.

4 For he that is mighty
hath done great things unto
me: and holy is his name.

5 And his mercy is from
generation to generation:
unto them that fear him.

6 He hath showed
strength with his arm: he
hath scattered the proud in
the imagination of their
heart.

Depo-nit potentes de

7 He hath put down the

sedē: et exaltavi humiles. mighty from their seat
and hath exalted the hum-
ble

Esurientes implevit bonis. et divites dimisit inanes. 8 He hath filled the hun-
gry with good things: and
the rich he hath sent empty
away.

Suscepit Israel puerum suum: recordatus misericordiae suae. 9 He hath holpen his
servant Israel: being mind-
ful of his mercy.

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros: Abraham, et simini ejus in saecula. 10 As he spake unto our
fathers: to Abraham and
his seed forever.

Gloria, &c.

Glory, &c.

Office 1.

Ant. Beata Mater et intacta Virgo, gloriosa Regina mundi, intercede pro nobis ad Dominum. *Ant.* Blessed Mother and
inviolatē Virgin, glorious
Queen of the world, inter-
cede for us with the Lord.

In Paschal time.

Ant. Regina cœli, lætare, alleluia. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia. Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia. *Ant.* Queen of heaven,
rejoice, alleluia. For he
whom thou wast meet to
bear, alleluia. Hath arisen
as he said, alleluia. Pray
to God for us, alleluia.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy. Christ,
have mercy. Lord, have
mercy.

V Domine, exaudi orationem meam. V. O Lord, hear my
prayer.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat. R. And let my cry come
unto thee.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Concede nos famulos tuos, quæsumus Domine Deus. Grant, we beseech thee
O Lord God, that we, thy

et perpetua mentis et corporis
sanitate fraudere; et
gloriosa beate Mariæ semper
Virginis intercessione,
præsenti liberari tristitia,
et æterna perfrui lætitia.
Domine, nostrum

servants, may enjoy perpetual
health, both of mind
and body; and by the glorious
intercession of blessed
Mary ever Virgin, may
be delivered from present
sorrow, and attain unto
eternal joy. Through our

Lord, &c.

R. Amen.

Office 2.

Ant. Spiritus Sanctus in
te descendet, Maria: ne timeas,
habebis in utero Filium Dei. Alleluia.

Ant. The Holy Ghost
shall come upon thee, Mary;
fear not, thou shalt bear in
thy womb the Son of God.
Alleluia.

Kyrie eleison. Christe
eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Lord,
have mercy.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem
meam.

V. O Lord, hear my
prayer.

R. Et clamor meus ad te
veniat.

R. And let my cry come
unto thee.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Deus, qui de beate Mariæ
Virginis utero, Verbum tuum,
angelo nuntiante, carnem
suscipere voluisti; præsta
supplicibus tuis, ut
qui vere eam Genitricem
Dei credimus, ejus apud te
intercessionibus adjuvemur.
Per eundem Dominum rostrum.

O God, who wast pleased
that thy Word, at the mes-
sage of an angel, should
take flesh in the womb of
the blessed Virgin Mary;
grant to thy humble ser-
vants, that we, who believe
her to be truly the Mother
of God, may be assisted by
her intercessions with thee.
Through the same our
Lord.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

Office 3.

Ant. Magnum hæreditatis mysterium: templum Dei factus est uterus nescientis virum; non est pollutus ex ea carnem assumentes. Omnes gentes venient, dicentes, Gloria tibi, Domine.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui salutis æternæ, beatæ Mariæ virginitate fecunda, humano generi præmia præstitisti; tribue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercedere sentiamus, per quam meruimus auctorem vitæ suscipere Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum. Qui tecum vivit et regnat, &c.

R. Amen.

For the Commemoration of the Saints, &c., see the end of Lauds, p. 884.

If the office is ended here, one of the Antiphons of the Blessed Virgin is said according to the season.

Ant. A great mystery of inheritance: the womb of one that knew not man hath become the temple of God; taking flesh of her he was not defiled: all nations shall come, saying, Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O God, who, by the fruitful virginity of the blessed Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech thee, that we may experience her intercession for us, through whom we have received the author of life, thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with thee, &c.

R. Amen.

Compline

O divine and adorable Lord Jesus Christ, who hast graciously redeemed us by thy bitter passion and death we offer up this hour of Compline to thy honor and glory; most humbly beseeching thee, through the injury thou didst suffer by the treacherous kiss of Judas, and by thy capture in the garden, to grant us thy grace, that we may never betray thee by unworthily receiving the blessed sacraments, particularly the adorable Eucharist of thy body and blood, in the state of mortal sin, and that we may bridle our passions, and bind down our vicious inclinations under the sweet yoke and light burden of thy holy law till death. Amen.

Ave Maria.

V. Converte nos, Deus salutaris noster.

R. Et averte iram tuam a nobis.

V. Deus, in adjutorium meum intende.

R. Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.

Gloria, &c.

Hail, Mary.

V. Convert thou us, O God our Saviour.

R. And turn away thine anger from us.

V. O God, come to my assistance.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory, &c.

Psalm cxxviii. *Sæpe expugnaverunt.*

Sæpe expugnaverunt me a juventute mea: dicat nunc Israel.

Sæpe expugnaverunt me a juventute mea: etenim non potuerunt mihi.

Supra dorsum meum fabricaverunt peccatores: pro-

1 Many a time have they fought against me from my youth: let Israel now say.

2 Many a time have they fought against me from my youth up: but they could not prevail against me.

3 The wicked have wrought upon my back

longaverunt iniquitatem suam.

Dominus justus concidit cervices peccatorum: confundantur et convertantur retrorsum omnes, qui oderunt Sion.

Fiant sicut fœnum tectorum: quod, priusquam elevatur, exaruit.

De quo non implevit manum suam, qui metit: et sinum suum qui manipulos colligit.

Et non dixerunt qui præteribant, Benedictio Domini super vos: benediximus vobis in nomine Domini.

Gloria, &c.

Psalm cxxix.

De profundis clamaui ad te, Domine: Domine, exaudi vocem meam.

Fiant aures tuæ intendentes: in vocem deprecationis meæ.

Si iniquitates observaveris, Domine: Domine, quis sustinebit?

Quia apud te propitiatio est: et propter legem tuam sustinui te, Domine.

Sustinuit anima mea in verbo ejus: speravit anima mea in Domino.

and prolonged their iniquity.

4 The just Lord hath hewn asunder the necks of sinners: let all them be confounded and turned back, that have hated Sion.

5 Let them be as grass upon the tops of houses that withereth before it be plucked up.

6 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand: nor he that gathereth the sheaves his bosom.

7 And they who pass by say not, The blessing of the Lord be upon you: we have blessed you in the name of the Lord.

Glory, &c.

De profundis.

1 Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

2 Oh, let thine ears consider well: the voice of my supplication.

3 If thou, O Lord, shalt mark iniquities: Lord, who shall abide it?

4 For with thee there is propitiation: and because of thy law I have waited for thee, O Lord.

5 My soul hath waited on his word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

A custodia matutina usque ad noctem: speret Israel in Domino.

Quia apud Dominum misericordia: et copiosa apud eum redemptio.

Et ipse redimet Israel: ex omnibus iniquitatibus ejus.

Gloria, &c.

6 From the morning watch even until night: let Israel hope in the Lord.

7 For with the Lord there is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel: from all his iniquities.

Glory, &c.

Psalm cxxx. *Domine, non est.*

Domine, non est exaltatum cor meum: neque elati sunt oculi mei.

Neque ambulavi in magnis: neque in mirabilibus super me.

Si non humiliter sentiebam: sed exaltavi animam meam;

Sicut ablactatus est super matre sua: ita retributio in anima mea.

Speret Israel in Domino: ex hoc nunc, et usque in seculum.

Gloria, &c.

1 Lord, my heart is not lifted up: nor are mine eyes lofty.

2 Neither have I walked in great matters: nor in things too wonderful for me.

3 If I have not been humbly minded: but have lifted up my soul;

4 As a child that is weaned upon his mother's breast: so let my reward be in my soul.

5 Let Israel hope in the Lord: from this time forth for evermore.

G. v. &c.

Hymn, Memento, as above, p. 892.

The Little Chapter.

Office 1. Eccles. xxiv. 24.

Ego mater pulchræ dilectionis, et timoris, et agnitionis et sanctæ spei.

I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope.

R. Deo gratias.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genitrix.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Ant. Sub tuum præsidium

Ant. We fly to thy patronage.

In Paschal time.

Ant. Regina cœli.

Ant. Queen of heaven.

The Little Chapter.

Office 2. Is. vii. 14, 15.

Ecce, Virgo concipiet, et pariet filium, et vocabitur nomen ejus Emmanuel: butyrum et mel comedet, ut sciat reprobare malum, et eligere bonum.

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and to choose the good.

R. Deo gratias.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ.

V. The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

R. Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Ant. Spiritus Sanctus.

Ant. The Holy Ghost.

The Little Chapter.

Office 3. Ecclus. xxiv. 24.

Ego mater pulchræ dilectionis, et timoris, et agnitionis, et sanctæ spei.

I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope.

R. Deo gratias.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genitrix.

V. Pray for us. O holy Mother of God.

R. Ut digni efficiamur
promissionibus Christi.

R. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Ant. Magnum hæreditatis
mysterium

Ant. A great mystery of
inheritance.

The Nunc dimittis

Nunc dimittis servum tu-
um, Domine : secundum ver-
bum tuum in pace.

1 Now dost thou dismiss
thy servant, O Lord, in
peace : according to thy
word.

Quia viderunt oculi mei :
salutare tuum.

2 For mine eyes have
seen : thy salvation.

Quod parasti : ante faciem
omnium populorum.

3 Which thou hast pre-
pared : before the face of
all people.

Lumen ad revelationem
gentium : et gloriam plebis
tuæ Israel.

4 A light to enlighten
the gentiles : and the glory
of thy people Israel.

Gloria, &c

Glory, &c.

Office 1

Sub tuum præsidium con-
fugimus, sancta Dei Geni-
trix : nostras deprecationes
ne despicias in necessitati-
bus : sed a periculis cunctis
libera nos semper, Virgo
gloriosa et benedicta.

Ant. We fly to thy pat-
ronage, O holy Mother of
God : despise not our peti-
tions in our necessities ; but
deliver us always from all
dangers, O glorious and
blessed Virgin.

In Paschal time.

Ant. Regina cœli, lætare,
alleluia Quia quem meru-
isti portare, alleluia. Re-
surrexit sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deus alle-
luia

Ant. Queen of heaven,
rejoice, alleluia. For he
whom thou wast meet to
bear, alleluia. Hath arisen,
as he said, alleluia. Pray
for us to God, alleluia.

Kyrie eleison. Christe
eleison. Kyrie eleison.

V Domine, exaudi ora-
tionem meam

R Et clamor meus ad te
veniat.

Oremus.

Beatæ et gloriosæ sem-
perque Virginis Mariæ,
quæsumus, Domine, inter-
cessio gloriosa nos protegat,
et ad vitam perducatur æter-
nam Per Dominum, &c.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi ora-
tionem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te
veniat.

V. Benedicamus Domi-
no.

R. Deo gratias.

Lord, have mercy. Christ,
have mercy. Lord, have
mercy.

V. O Lord, hear my
prayer.

R. And let my cry come
unto thee.

Let us pray.

Let the glorious interces-
sion of the blessed and
glorious Mary ever Virgin,
protect us, we beseech
Thee, O Lord, and bring us
to life everlasting. Through
our Lord, &c.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my
prayer.

R. And let my cry come
unto thee.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

The Blessing.

Benedicat et custodiat
nos omnipotens et miseri-
cors Dominus, Pater, et
Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus.

R. Amen

May the almighty and
merciful Lord, Father, and
Son, and Holy Ghost bless
and preserve us.

R. Amen.

Office 2.

Ant. Spiritus Sanctus in
te descendet, Maria: ne
timeas, habebis in utero
Filius Dei.

Kyrie eleison. Christe
eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Ant. The Holy Ghost
shall come upon thee, Mary
fear not, thou shalt bear in
thy womb the Son of God

Lord, have mercy. Christ,
have mercy. Lord, have
mercy.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui de beatæ Mariæ Virginis utero Verbum tuum, angelo nuntiante, carnem suscipere voluisti; præsta supplicibus tuis, ut qui vere eam Genitricem Dei credimus, ejus apud te intercessionibus adjuvemur. Per eundem Dominum nostrum, &c.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi, &c. (*ut supra*).

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And 'et my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O God, who wast pleased that thy Word, at the message of an angel, should take flesh in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary; grant to us, thy humble servants, that, as we believe her to be truly the Mother of God, we may be assisted also by her intercessions with thee. Through the same Lord, &c.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear, &c. (*as above*).

Office 3.

Ant. Magnum hæreditatis mysterium: templum Dei factus est uterus nescentis virum; non est pollutus ex ea carnem assumens: omnes gentes venient, dicentes, Gloria tibi, Domine.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison Kyrie eleison.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

Oremus.

Deus, qui salutis æternæ,

Ant. A great mystery of inheritance: the womb of one that knew not man hath become the temple of God; taking flesh of her, he was not defiled: all nations shall come, saying, Glory to thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O God, who, by the fruit-

beatæ Mariæ virginitate fecunda; humano generi præmia præstitisti; tribue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercedere sentiamus, per quam meruimus auctorem vitæ suscipere, Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum. Qui tecum vivit et regnat, &c.

R. Amen.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Benedicamus Domino.

R. Deo gratias.

ful virginity of the blessed Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech thee, that we may experience her intercession, through whom we have received the author of life, thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with thee, &c.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

The Blessing.

Benedicat et custodiat nos omnipotens et misericors Dominus, Pater, et Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus.

R. Amen.

May the almighty and merciful Lord, Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost, bless and preserve us.

R. Amen.

Then is said one of the Antiphons of the Blessed Virgin according to the season, as at the end of Lauds, p. 887.

After the Prayer is said:

V. Divinum auxilium meum semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance remain always with us.

R. Amen.

Then are said, secretly, Pater. Ave. Credo.

Little Office of the Immaculate Conception

[*The text from which the present translation has been made is an exact copy of the Office as published by authority at Rome, in 1838. Vide Cœleste Palmetum, p. 243.*]

AT MATINS.

**Eja, mea labia, nunc annuntiate
Laudes et præconia Virginis beatæ.**

**Come, my lips, and wide proclaim
The blessed Virgin's spotless fame**

**V. Domina, in adjuto-
rium meum intende.**

**V. O Lady, make speed
to befriend me.**

**R. Me de manu hostium
potenter defende.**

**R. From the hands of
the enemy mightily defend
me.**

**V. Gloria Patri. Alle-
luia.**

**V. Glory be to the Fa-
ther, &c. Alleluia.**

From Septuagesima to Easter, instead of Alleluia is said :

**Laus tibi, Domine, Rex
æternæ gloriæ.**

**Praise be to thee, O
Lord, King of everlasting
glory.**

HYMN.

**Salve, mundi Domina,
Cœlorum Regina:
Salve, Virgo virginum,
Cœli matutina.**

**Hail, Queen of the heavens
Hail, Mistress of earth !
Hail, Virgin most pure,
Of immaculate birth !**

**Salve, plena gratia.
Clara luce divina:
Mundi in auxilium,
Domina, festina.**

**Clear star of the morning,
In beauty enshrined !
O Lady, make speed
To the help of mankind.**

**Ab æterno Do minus
Te præordinavit
Matrem unigeniti
Verbi, quo creavit**

**Thee God in the depth
Of eternity chose ;
And formed thee all fair
As his glorious Spouse :**

Terram, pontum, æthera :
Te pulchram ornavit
Sibi Sponsam, quæ in
Adam non peccavit.

Amen.

And called thee his Word's
Own Mother to be,
By whom he created
The earth, sky, and sea.

Amen.

V. Elegit eam Deus, et
præ elegit eam.

R. In tabernaculo suo
habitare fecit eam.

V. Domina, exaudi ora-
tionem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te
veniat.

Oremus.

Sancta Maria, Regina
cœlorum, mater Domini
nostri Jesu Christi, et mun-
di Domina, quæ nullum de-
relinquis, et nullam despi-
cis; respice me, Domina,
clementer oculo pietatis, et
impetra mihi apud tuum di-
lectum Filium cunctorum
veniam peccatorum: ut qui
nunc tuam sanctam et im-
maculatam Conceptionem
devoto affectu recolo, æter-
næ in futurum beatitudinis
bravium capiam, ipso, quem
virgo peperisti, donante
Domino nostro Jesu Chris-
to; qui cum Patre et Sancto
Spiritu vivit et regnat, in
Trinitate perfecta Deus in
secula sæculorum. Amen.

V. God elected her, and
pre-elected her.

R. He made her to dwell
in his tabernacle.

V. O Lady, hear my
prayer.

R. And let my cry come
unto thee.

Let us pray

Holy Mary, Queen of
heaven, Mother of our
Lord Jesus Christ, and
Mistress of the world, who
forsakest no one, and de-
spisest no one; look upon
me, O Lady, with an eye of
pity, and entreat for me, of
thy beloved Son, the for-
giveness of all my sins;
that, as I now celebrate
with devout affection thy
holy and immaculate Con-
ception, so, hereafter, I may
receive the prize of eternal
blessedness, by the grace
of him whom thou, in vi-
ginity, didst bring forth, Je-
sus Christ our Lord; who,
with the Father and the
Holy Ghost, liveth and
reigneth, in perfect Trinity
God, world without end
Amen.

V. Domina, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Benedicamus Domino.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Fidelium animæ per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace

R. Amen.

V. O Lady hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. Let us bless the Lord

R. Thanks be to God.

V. May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace

R. Amen.

AT PRIME.

V. Domina, in adiutorium meum intende.

R. Me de manu hostium potenter defende.

R. Gloria Patri. Alleluia.

V. O Lady, make speed to befriend me.

R. From the hands of the enemy mightily defend me.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c. Alleluia.

HYMN.

Salve, Virgo sapiens,
Domus Deo dicata,
Columna septemplici
Mensaque exornata.

Ab omni contagio
Mundi præservata:
Ante sancta in utero
Parentis, quam nata.

Tu, Mater viventium,
Et porta es Sanctorum
Nova stella Jacob,
Domina Angelorum.

Zapulo terribilis
Acies castrorum:
Portus et refugium
Sis Christianorum.

Amen.

Hail, Virgin most wise!
Hail, Deity's shrine!
With seven fair pillars,
And table divine!

Preserved from the guilt
Which hath come on us all!
Exempt, in the womb,
From the taint of the Fall!

O new star of Jacob!
Of Angels the Queen!
O gate of the Saints!
O mother of men!

O terrible as
The embattled array!
Be thou of the faithful
The refuge and stay.

Amen.

V. Ipse creavit illam in Spiritu Sancto.

V. The Lord himself created her in the Holy Ghost.

R. Et effudit illam inter
omnia opera sua.

V. Domina, exaudi, &c.
(p. 939, cum Oratione ut
supra).

R. And poured her out
among all his works.

V. O Lady, hear, &c.
(with the Prayer and Versi-
cles, as at p. 939).

AT TERCE.

V. Domina, in adjuto-
rium meum intende.

R. Me de manu hostium
potenter defende.

V. Gloria Patri. Alle-
luia.

V O Lady, make speed
to befriend me

R. From the hands of
the enemy mightily defend
me.

V. Glory be to the Fa-
ther, &c. Alleluia.

HYMN.

Salve, arca fœderis,
Thronus Salomonis,
Arcus pulcher ætheris,
Rubus visionis :

Virga frondens germinis :
Vellus Gedeonis :
Porta clausa numinis,
Favusque Samsonis.

Decebat tam nobilem
Natum, præcavere
Ab originali
Labe Matris Evæ

Almam, quam elegerat,
Gentricem vere,
Nulli prorsus sinens
Culpæ subiacere.

Amen.

Hail, Solomon's throne !
Pure ark of the law !
Fair rainbow ! and bush,
Which the Patriarch saw

Hail, Gedeon's fleece !
Hail, blossoming rod !
Samson's sweet honeycomb !
Portal of God !

Well fitting it was,
That a Son so divine
Should preserve from all touch
Of original sin ;

Nor suffer by smallest
Defect to be stained,
That Mother, whom he
For himself had ordained.

Amen.

V Ego in altissimis ha-
bito.

R. Et thronus meus in
columna nubis.

V. Domina, exaudi, &c.
(p. 939, cum Oratione ut
supra).

V. I dwell in the highest.

R. And my throne is on
the pillar of the clouds.

V. O Lady, hear, &c.
(with the Prayer and Versi-
cles, as at p. 939).

AT SEXT.

V Domina, in adjutorium meum intende.

R. Me de manu hostium potenter defende.

V Gloria Patri. Alleluia

V. O Lady, make speed to befriend me.

R. From the hands of the enemy mightily defend me.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c. Alleluia.

HYMN.

Salve, Virgo puerpera
Templum Trinitatis,
Angelorum gaudium,
Cella puritatis:

Solamen moerentium,
Hortus voluptatis:
Palma patientiæ,
Cedrus castitatis.

Terra es benedicta
Et sacerdotalis,
Sancta et immunis
Culpæ originalis.

Civitas altissimi,
Porta orientalis:
In te est omnis gratia,
Virgo singularis.

Amen.

Hail, virginal Mother!
Hail, purity's cell!
Fair shrine where the Trinity
Loveth to dwell!

Hail, garden of pleasure!
Celestial balm!
Cedar of chastity!
Martyrdom's palm

Thou land set apart
From uses profane!
And free from the curse
Which in Adam began!

Thou city of God!
Thou gate of the east!
In thee is all grace,
O joy of the blest!

Amen.

V Sicut lilium inter spinas.

R. Sic amica mea inter filias Adæ.

V. Domina, exaudi, &c.
(p. 936 cum Oratione ut
supra).

V. As the lily among the thorns.

R. So is my beloved among the daughters of Adam.

V. O Lady, hear, &c.
(with the Prayer and Versicles, as at p. 939).

AT NONE.

V. Domina, in adjutorium meum intende.

V. O Lady, make speed to befriend me.

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R. Me de manu hostium
potenter defende.

V. Gloria Patri Alleluia.

R. From the hands of the
enemy mightily defend me.

V. Glory be to the Fa-
ther, &c. Alleluia.

HYMN.

Salve, urbs refugii,
Turrisque munita
David, propugnacula
Armisque insignita.

In Conceptione
Charitate ignita,
Draconis potestas
Est a te contrita.

O mulier fortis,
Et invicta Judith!
Pulchra Abisag virgo,
Verum fovens David!

Rachel curatorem
Ægypti gestavit:
Salvatorem mundi
Maria portavit.

Amen.

Hail, city of refuge.
Hail, David's high tower!
With battlements crowned
And girded with power

Filled at thy Conception
With love and with light!
The dragon by thee
Was shorn of his might.

O woman most valiant!
O Judith thrice blest!
As David was nursed
In fair Abishag's breast

As the saviour of Egypt
Upon Rachel's knee;
So the world's great Redeemer
Was cherished by thee.

Amen

V. Tota pulchra es, amica
mea.

R. Et macula originalis
numquam fuit in te.

V. Domina, exaudi, &c.
(p. 939, *cum Oratione ut
supra*).

V. Thou art all fair, my
beloved.

R. And the original stain
was never in thee.

V. O Lady, hear, &c.
(*with the Prayer and Ver-
sicles, as at p. 939*).

AT VESPERS.

V Domina, in adjuto-
rium meum intende.

R. Me de manu hostium
potenter defende.

V. Gloria Patri Alleluia.

V. O Lady, make speed
to befriend me.

R. From the hands of the
enemy mightily defend me

V. Glory be to the Fa-
ther, &c. Alleluia.

HYMN.

Salve, horologium,
Quo retrogradiatur
Sol in decem lineis
Verbum incarnatur.

Homo ut ab inferis
Ad summa attollatur,
Immensus ab Angelis
Paulo minoratur.

Solis hujus radiis
Maria coruscat;
Consurgens aurora
In conceptu micat.

Lilium inter spinas,
Quæ serpentis conterat
Caput: pulchra ut luna
Errantes collustrat.

Amen.

Hail, dial of Achaz!
On thee the true sun
Told backward the course
Which from old he had run!

And, that man might be raised,
Submitting to shame,
A little more low
Than the Angels became.

Thou, wrapt in the blaze
Of his infinite light,
Dost shine as the morn
On the confines of night;

As the moon on the lost
Through obscurity dawns;
The serpent's destroyer!
A lily, 'mid thorns!

Amen.

V. Ego feci in cœlis ut
iriretur lumen indeficiens.

R. Et quasi nebula texti
omnem terram.

V. Domina, exaudi, &c.
(p. 939, cum Oratione ut
supra).

V. I made an unfailing
light to arise in heaven.

R. And as a mist I over-
spread the whole earth.

V. O Lady, hear, &c.
(with the Prayer and Ver-
sicles, as at p. 939).

AT COMPLINE.

V. Convertat nos, Domi-
na, tuis precibus placatus
Jesus Christus Filius tuus.

R. Et avertat iram suam
a nobis.

V. Domina, in adjuto-
rium meum intende.

R. Me de manu hostium
potenter defende.

V. Gloria Patri Alleluia

V. May Jesus Christ, thy
Son, reconciled by thy pray-
ers, O Lady, convert our
hearts.

R. And turn away his
anger from us.

V. O Lady, make speed
to befriend me.

R. From the hands of the
enemy mightily defend me.

V. Glory be to the Fa-
ther, &c. Alleluia.

HYMN.

Salve, Virgo florens.
Mater illibata,
Regina clementiæ,
Stellis coronata.

Super omnes Angelos
Pura, immaculata.
Atque ad regis dexteram
Stans veste deaurata.

Per te, Mater gratiæ,
Dulcis spes reorum,
Fulgens stella maris,
Portus naufragorum,

Patens cœli janua,
Salus infirmorum,
Videamus Regem
In aula Sanctorum.

Amen.

Hail, Mother most pure!
Hail, Virgin renowned!
Hail, Queen with the stars
As a diadem crowned!

Above all the Angels
In glory untold,
Standing next to the King
In a vesture of gold!

O Mother of mercy!
O star of the wave!
O hope of the guilty!
O light of the grave!

Through thee may we come
To the haven of rest;
And see heaven's King
In the courts of the blest!

Amen.

V. Oleum effusum, Maria,
nomen tuum.

R. Servi tui dilexerunt
te nimis.

V. Domina, exaudi, &c.
(p. 939, *cum Oratione ut
supra*).

V. Thy name, O Mary
is as oil poured out.

R. Thy servants have
loved thee exceedingly.

V. O Lady, hear, &c.
(*with the Prayer and Ver-
sicles, as at p. 939*).

THE COMMENDATION.

Supplices offerimus
Tibi, Virgo pia,
Hæc laudum præconia,
Fac nos ut in via

Ducas cursu prospero;
Et in agenia
Tu nobis assiste,
O dulcis Maria.

R. Deo gratias.

These praises and prayers
I lay at thy feet,
O Virgin of virgins!
O Mary most sweet!

Be thou my true guide
Through this pilgrimage here
And stand by my side
When death draweth near.

R. Thanks be to God.

The Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary

AT MATINS.

V. Now let my lips sing and display
 R. The blessed Virgin's praise this day
 V. O Lady, to my help intend:
 R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
 Glory be to the Father, &c

THE HYMN.

Hail, Lady of the world,
 Of heaven bright Queen!
 Hail, Virgin of virgins,
 Star early seen!
 Hail, full of all grace,
 Clear light divine;
 Lady, to succor us,
 With speed incline.
 God, from eternity,
 Before all other,
 Of the world thee ordained
 To be the Mother.
 By which he created
 The heavens, sea, land:
 His fair spouse he chose,
 Free from sin's band.
 V God hath elected and pre-elected her.
 R. He hath made her dwell in his tabernacle.

LET US PRAY.

O holy Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, queen
 of heaven, and lady of the world, who neither forsakest
 nor despisest any, behold me mercifully with the eye of

pity, and obtain for me, of thy beloved Son, pardon for all my sins: that I, who, with devout affection, do now celebrate thy holy Conception, may, hereafter, enjoy the reward of eternal bliss; through the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom thou, a virgin, didst bring forth: who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God in perfect Trinity, forever and ever Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer:

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. Let us bless our Lord:

R. Thanks be to God.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

AT PRIME.

V. O Lady, to my help intend:

R. Me strongly from my foes defend.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

THE HYMN.

Hail, Virgin most prudent!
 House for God placed,
 With the seven-fold pillar
 And table graced;
 Saved from contagion
 Of the frail earth:
 In the womb of thy parent,
 Saint before birth.
 Mother of the living,
 Gate of Saints' merits,
 The new star of Jacob,
 Queen of pure spirits
 To Zebulon fearful:
 Armies' Array;
 Be thou of Christians
 Refuge and stay.

V. He hath created her in his Holy Spirit.

R. And hath poured her out over all his works.

LET US PRAY.

O holy Mary, Mother of our Lord, &c., *as before.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer :

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. Let us bless our Lord :

R. Thanks be to God.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen

AT THIRD.

V. O Lady, to my help intend :

R. Me strongly from my foes defend.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

THE HYMN.

Hail, ark of the covenant !

King Solomon's throne ;

Bright rainbow of heaven,

The bush of vision.

The fleece of Gideon,

The flowering rod ;

Sweet honey of Samson,

Closet of God.

'Twas meet Son so noble

Should save from stain

(Wherewith Eve's children

Spotted remain)

The maid whom for Mother

He had elected,

That she might be never

With sin infected.

V. I dwell in the highest :

R. And my throne is the pillar of the clouds

LET US PRAY.

O holy Mary, Mother of our Lord, &c., *as before*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer :

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. Let us bless our Lord :

R. Thanks be to God.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

AT SIXTH.

V. O Lady, to my help intena

R. Me strongly from my foes defenda.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

THE HYMN.

Hail, Mother and Virgin!

Of the Trinity

Temple ; joy of Angels,

Seal of purity.

Comfort of mourners,

Garden of pleasure ;

Palm-tree of patience,

Chastity's measure.

Thou land sacerdotal,

Art blessed wholly,

From sin original

Exempted solely.

. The city of the highest,

Gate of the East ;

Virgin's gem, in thee

All graces rest.

V. As the lily among thorns :

R. So my beloved among the daughters of Adam

LET US PRAY.

O holy Mary, Mother of our Lord, &c., *as before*.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer :

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. Let us bless our Lord:

R. Thanks be to God.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God, rest in peace

R Amen.

AT NINTH.

V. O Lady, to my help intend :

R Me strongly from my foes defend.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

THE HYMN.

Hail, city of refuge !

King David's tower,

Fenced with bulwark,

And armor's power.

In thy conception

Charity did flame ;

The fierce dragon's pride

Was brought to shame.

Judith invincible,

Woman of arms,

Fair Abishag, Virgin,

True David warms,

Son of fair Rachel

Did Egypt store ;

Mary of the world

The Saviour bore.

V. Thou art all fair, O my beloved !

R. And original spot was never in thee.

LET US PRAY

O holy Mary, &c., *as before.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer :

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V Let us bless our Lord :

R. Thanks be to God.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

AT EVLN-SONG.

V. O Lady, to my help intend :

R. Me strongly from my foes defend.

V Glory be to the Father, &c.

THE HYMN.

Hail, dial ! in which
Turns retrograde
The sun, ten degrees ;
The Word is flesh made,
That man from hell pit
To heaven might rise,
The immense above angels,
In stable lies.
This Son did on Mary
Betimes appear,
Made her conception
A morning clear.
Fair lily among thorns,
That serpent frights,
Clear moon that in dark
The wanderer lights.

V. In heaven I made a never-failing light rise .

R. And I covered all the world as a mist.

LET US PRAY.

O holy Mary, &c., *as before.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer :

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. Let us bless our Lord :

R. Thanks be to God.

V And may the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

AT COMPLINE.

V. Let thy Son, Jesus Christ, O Lady, pacified by thy prayers, convert us :

R. And turn his anger from us.

V. O Lady, to my help intend :

R. Me strongly from my foes defend.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

THE HYMN.

Hail, flourishing Virgin !
 Chastity's renown ;
 Queen of clemency,
 Whom stars do crown.
 Thou pure above Angels
 Dost Son behold,
 Sitt'st at his right hand,
 Attired in gold.
 Mother of grace ; hope
 To the dismayed ;
 Bright star of the sea ;
 In shipwreck, aid :
 Grant heaven-gate open,
 That by thee blest,
 We thy Son may see
 In blissful rest.

V. Thy name, Mary, is oil poured out.

R. Thy servants have exceedingly loved thee.

LET US PRAY.

C he'y Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, queen of heaven, and lady of the world, who neither forsakest nor despisest any, behold me mercifully with an eye of pity, and obtain for me of thy beloved Son, pardon for all my sins ; that I, who, with devout affection, do now celebrate thy holy Conception, may, hereafter, enjoy the reward of eternal bliss ; through the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom thou, a virgin, didst

bring forth ; who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth, &c.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer :

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. Let us bless our Lord :

R. Thanks be to God.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace

R. Amen.

THE COMMENDATION.

To thee, Virgin pious,
We humbly present
These hours canonical
With pure intent :
Guide pilgrims, until
With Christ we meet :
In our agony aid us,
O Virgin sweet. Amen.

This Anthem following, with the Prayer of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, is approved of by Pope Paul V., who hath granted a hundred days of indulgence to all faithful Christians that shall devoutly recite the same.

ANTHEM.

This is the branch, in which was neither knot of original, nor bark of actual sin found.

V. In thy conception, O Virgin, thou wast immaculate.

R. Pray unto the Father for us, whose Son thou didst bring forth.

LET US PRAY.

O God, who, by the immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin, didst prepare a fit habitation for thy Son, we beseech thee, that, as by the foreseen death of her same Son, thou didst preserve her pure from all spot, so likewise grant, that we, by her intercession on made free

from sin, may attain unto thee; through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer to be daily said by those who carry about them an Agnus Dei.

O my Lord Jesus Christ, the true Lamb that takest away the sins of the world! by thy mercy, which is infinite, pardon my iniquities; and by thy sacred passion preserve me this day from all sin and evil. I carry about me this holy *Agnus Dei* in thy honor, as a preservative against my own weakness, and as an incentive to the practice of meekness, humility, and innocence, which thou hast taught. I offer myself up to thee as an entire oblation, and in memory of that sacrifice of love thou offeredst for me on the Cross, and in satisfaction for my sins. Accept, O my God, the oblation I make, and may it be agreeable to thee in the odor of sweetness. Amen

The Little Office of the Blessed Sacrament

AT MATINS.

V. Man hath eaten the bread of angels: and the table our Lord is prepared for him.

R. Amen.

V O Lord, open thou my lips.

R. And my mouth shall declare thy praise

V. O God, incline unto my aid.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, &c.

THE HYMN.

Pange Lingua.

Sing, O my tongue, devoutly sing,
 The glorious body's mystery ;
 And of that precious blood the King
 Of nations poured forth, to free
 The world from a disastrous doom :
 O blessed fruit of noblest womb !

Anthem. O how sweet, O Lord, is thy Spirit, who that thou mightest show thy sweetness towards thy children, by most sweet bread sent from Heaven fillest the hungry with good things, sending the rich away empty.

V. Thou hast given us, O Lord, bread from Heaven.
Alleluia.

R. Replenished with all sweetness and delight. *Alleluia.*

THE PRAYER.

O God, who in this wonderful sacrament hast left us a perpetual memory of thy passion ; grant us, we beseech thee, so to reverence the sacred mysteries of thy body and blood, that we may continually perceive in our souls the fruit of thy redemption ; who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

AT PRIME.

V. Man hath eaten the bread of angels, and the table of our Lord is prepared for him.

R. Amen.

V. O God, incline unto my aid.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c. *Alleluia.*

THE HYMN.

On us bestowed, for us, by birth.
 He from a virgin did proceed,
 And being conversant here on earth,
 Till he had sown the Gospel's seed.
 The time of his prolonged stay
 He closed in an admired way.

Ant. O how sweet, O Lord, is thy Spirit, &c.

V. Thou hast given us, O Lord, bread from Heaven.

R. Replenished with all sweetness and delight.

THE PRAYER.

O God, who in this wonderful sacrament, &c.

AT THIRD.

V. Man hath eaten the bread of angels; and the
 table of our Lord is prepared for him.

R. Amen.

V. O God, incline unto my aid.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

THE HYMN.

He on the final Supper night,
 Among his brethren taking seat,
 And well observing the ancient rite,
 Touching the laws prescribing meat,
 Gave to the twelve (his chosen band)
 Himself for food, with his own hand.

Ant. O how sweet, O Lord, &c.

V. Thou hast given us, O Lord, bread from Heaven.

R. Replenished with all sweetness and delight.

THE PRAYER.

O God, who in this wonderful sacrament, &c.

AT SIXTH.

V. Man hath eaten the bread of angels; and the table of our Lord is prepared for him.

R. Amen.

V. O God, incline unto my aid.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c. *Alleluia.*

THE HYMN.

The incarnate Word, by words he said,
Turned into flesh substantial bread,
And wine the blood of Christ was made,
Though sense found nothing altered
This to confirm in hearts sincere,
There needs no more if faith be there.

Ant. O how sweet, O Lord, is thy Spirit, &c.

V. Thou hast given us, O Lord, bread from Heaven.

R. Replenished with all sweetness and delight.

THE PRAYER.

O God, who in this wonderful sacrament, &c.

AT NINTH.

V. Man hath eaten the bread of angels: and the table of our Lord is prepared for him

R. Amen.

V. O God, incline unto my aid.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c

THE HYMN.

The angelic bread may now be styled
The bread of man; a heavenly bread,
Which types and figures hath exiled,
And us with wonder hath ecstasied,
That the poor humble servant should
Receive his Master for his food.

Ant. O how sweet, O Lord, &c.

V. Thou hast given us, O Lord, bread from Heaven.

R. Replenished with all sweetness and delight.

THE PRAYER.

O God who in this wonderful sacrament, &c.

AT EVEN-SONG.

V. Man hath eaten the bread of angels and the
able of our Lord is prepared for him.

R. Amen.

V. O God, incline unto my aid.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c. *Alleluia.*

THE HYMN.

To this great sacrament, therefore,
Let's give the prostrate worship due,
And may the ancient rites no more
Take place, but yield it to the new;
Let faith in Jesus Christ supply
The senses' insufficiency.

Ant. O holy banquet, in which Christ is received, the
memory of his passion renewed, the soul is filled with
grace, and a pledge of future glory is given us.

V. Thou hast given us, O Lord, bread from Heaven.

R. Replenished with all sweetness and delight.

THE PRAYER.

O God, who in this wonderful sacrament hast left us a
perpetual memorial of thy passion; grant us, we beseech
thee, so to reverence the sacred mysteries of thy body
and blood, that we may continually perceive in our souls
the fruit of thy redemption; who, with the Father and
the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth ever one God, world
without end. Amen.

AT COMPLINE.

V. Man hath eaten the bread of angels; and the table of our Lord is prepared for him.

R. Amen.

V. Convert us, O Lord, our Saviour

R. And avert thy anger from us.

V. O God, incline unto my aid.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

THE HYMN.

To Father and the Son let's bring
Triumphant praises; let's aspire
Their honor, power, and bliss to sing
While benedictions fill the choir.
To him that is from both derived,
Let equal glory be ascribed.

Ant. O how sweet, O Lord, &c.

V. Thou hast given us, O Lord, bread from Heaven

R. Replenished with all sweetness and delight.

THE PRAYER.

O God, who in this wonderful sacrament, &c.

THE COMMENDATION.

Jesus, Redeemer of us all,
To thee devoutly I present,
These pious hours canonical,
In honor of the sacrament
Of thy blest body; grant that I
May live in heaven eternally. Amen.

[*Litany of the Blessed Sacrament, see p. 791.*]

Vespers for Sundays and Festivals.

Pater noster, Ave Maria, in secret.

V. Deus, in adjutorium meum intende.

R. Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.

V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

R. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. Alleluia.

V. O God, come to my assistance.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

From Septuagesima to Palm Sunday, inclusively, is said :

Lauda tibi, Domine, Rex æternæ gloriæ.

Ant. Dixit Dominus.

Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of everlasting glory.

Ant. The Lord said.

In Paschal Time, the Psalms are all said under this one Antiphon : Alleluia.

Psalm cix. Dixit Dominus.

Dixit Dominus Domino meo: Sede a dextris meis:

Donec ponam inimicos tuos: scabellum pedum tuorum.

Virgam virtutis tuæ emitet Dominus ex Sion: dominare in medio inimicorum tuorum.

1 The Lord said to my Lord: Sit thou at my right hand:

2 Until I make thine enemies: thy footstool.

3 The Lord shall send forth the rod of thy power from out of Sion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

Tecum principium in die
virtutis tuæ in splendoribus
Sanctorum: ex utero ante
luciferum genui te.

Curavit Dominus, et non
penitebit eum: Tu es sa-
cerdos in æternum secun-
dum ordinem Melchisedech.

Dominus a dextris tuis:
confregit in die iræ suæ
reges.

Judicabit in nationibus,
implebit ruinas: conquassa-
bit capita in terra multorum.

De torrente in via bibet:
propterea exaltabit caput.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Ant. Dixit Dominus Dom-
ino meo: Sede a dextris
meis.

Ant. Fidelia.

Psalm cx. *Confitebor tibi.*

Confitebor tibi, Domine,
cetero corde meo: in consi-
lio justorum, et congrega-
tione.

Magna opera Domini:
exquisita in omnes volun-
tates ejus.

Confessio et magnificen-

4 Thine shall be the do-
minion in the day of thy
power, amid the brightness
of the Saints: from the
womb, before the day-star,
have I begotten thee.

5 The Lord hath sworn,
and will not repent: Thou
art a priest forever accord-
ing to the order of Mel-
chisedec.

6 The Lord upon thy
right hand: hath over-
thrown kings in the day of
his wrath.

7 He shall judge among
the nations, he shall fulfil
destructions: he shall smite
in sunder the heads in the
land of many.

8 He shall drink of the
brook in the way: there-
fore shall he lift up his head

Glory be to the Father,
&c.

Ant. The Lord said to
my Lord: Sit thou at my
right hand.

Ant. Faithful.

1 I will praise thee, O
Lord, with my whole heart:
in the assembly of the just,
and in the congregation.

2 Great are the works of
the Lord: sought out are
they unto all his pleasure.

3 His work is his praise

tia opus ejus: et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Memoriam fecit mirabilium suorum misericors et miserator Dominus: escam dedit timentibus se.

Memor erit in sæculum testamenti sui: virtutem operum suorum annuntiabit populo suo:

Ut det illis hæreditatem gentium: opera manuum ejus veritas et judicium.

Fidelia omnia mandata ejus, confirmata in sæculum sæculi: facta in veritate et æquitate.

Redemptionem misit populo suo: mandavit in æternum testamentum suum.

Sanctum et terribile nomen ejus: initium sapientiæ timor Domini.

Intellectus bonus omnibus facientibus eum: laus ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Ant. Fidelia omnia mandata ejus, confirmata in sæculum sæculi.

Ant. In mandatis.

and his honor: and his justice endureth forever and ever.

4 The merciful and gracious Lord hath left a memorial of his marvellous works: he hath given meat to them that fear him.

5 He shall ever be mindful of his covenant: he shall show forth unto his people the power of his works:

6 That he may give them the heritage of the Gentiles: the works of his hands are judgment and truth.

7 Faithful are all his commandments; they stand fast forever and ever: they are done in truth and equity.

8 He hath sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant forever.

9 Holy and terrible is his name: the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

10 A good understanding have all they that do therein: after: his praise endureth forever and ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. Faithful are all his commandments; they stand fast forever and ever.

Ant. In his commandments.

Psalm cxi. *Beatus vir*

Beatus vir, qui timet Dominum: in mandatis ejus volet nimis.

Potens in terra erit semen ejus: generatio rectorum benedicetur.

Gloria et divitiæ in domo ejus: et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Exortum est in tenebris lumen rectis: misericors, et miserator, et justus.

Jucundus homo qui miseretur et commodat, disponet sermones suos in judicio: quia in æternum non commovebitur.

In memoria æterna erit justus: ab auditione mala non timebit.

Paratum cor ejus sperare in Domino, confirmatum est cor ejus: non commovebitur donec despiciat inimicos suos.

Dispersit, dedit pauperibus; justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi: cornu ejus exaltabitur in gloria.

1 Blessed is the man, that feareth the Lord: in his commandments he shall have great delight.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed.

3 Glory and riches shall be in his house: and his justice endureth forever and ever.

4 Unto the righteous there hath risen up light in the darkness: he is merciful, compassionate, and just.

5 Acceptable is the man who is merciful and lendeth, he shall order his words with judgment: for he shall not be moved forever.

6 The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance: he shall not be afraid for evil report.

7 His heart is prepared to hope in the Lord: his heart is fixed: he shall not be moved until he lay down upon his enemies.

8 He hath dispersed abroad, he hath given to the poor; his justice endureth forever and ever: his horn shall be exalted in glory.

Pescator videbit, et irascetur, dentibus suis fremet et tabescet: desiderium peccatorum peribit.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Ant. In mandatis ejus capit nimis

Ant. Sit nomen Domini.

9 The sinner shall see it and be wroth; he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. In his commandments he hath great delight.

Ant. Blessed be thy name.

Psalm cxii. *Laudate pueri.*

Laudate, pueri, Dominum: laudate nomen Domini.

Sit nomen Domini benedictum: ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

A solis ortu usque ad occasum: laudabile nomen Domini.

Excelsus super omnes gentes Dominus: et super cælos gloria ejus.

Quis sicut Dominus Deus noster, qui in altis habitat: et humilia respicit a cælo et in terra?

Suscitans a terra inopem. et de stercore erigens pauperem:

Ut colloset eum cum

1 Praise the Lord, ye children: praise ye the name of the Lord.

2 Blessed be the name of the Lord: from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same: the name of the Lord is worthy to be praised.

4 The Lord is high above all nations: and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like unto thee Lord our God, who dwelleth on high: and regardeth the things that are lowly in heaven and in earth?

6 Who raiseth up the needy from the earth: and lifteth the poor from off the dunghill:

7 That he may set him

principibus : cum principibus populi sui.

Qui habitare facit sterilem in domo . matrem filiorum lætantem.

Glory Patri, &c

Ant. Sit nomen Domini benedictum in sæcula.

Ant. Nos qui vivimus.

Psalm cxiii.

In exitu Israel de Ægypto : domus Jacob de populo barbaro.

Facta est Judæa sanctificatio ejus : Israel potestas ejus.

Mare vidit, et fugit : Jordanis conversus est retrorsum.

Montes exultaverunt ut arietes : et colles sicut agnovium.

Quid est tibi, mare, quod fugisti : et tu Jordanis, quia conversus es retrorsum ?

Montes exultastis sicut arietes : et colles sicut agnovium ?

A facie Domini mota est terra : a facie Dei Jacob.

with the princes : even with the princes of his people.

8 Who maketh the barren woman to dwell in her house : the joyful mother of children.

Glory be to the Father. &c.

Ant. Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.

Ant. We who live.

In exitu Israel.

1 When Israel came out of Egypt : the house of Jacob from among a strange people.

2 Judah was made his sanctuary : and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld, and fled : Jordan was turned back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams : and the little hills like the lambs of the flock.

5 What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest : and thou Jordan, that thou wast turned back ?

6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams : and ye little hills like the lambs of the flock ?

7 At the presence of the Lord the earth was moved : at the presence of the God of Jacob.

Qui convertit petram in stagna aquarum : et rupem in fontes aquarum.

Nor. nobis, Domine, non nobis. sed nomini tuo da gloriā.

Super misericordia tua, et veritate tua : nequando dicant gentes, Ubi est Deus eorum ?

Deus autem noster in cœlo : omnia quæcumque voluit, fecit.

Simulacra gentium argentum et aurum : opera manuum hominum.

Os habent, et non loquuntur : oculos habent, et non videbunt.

Aures habent, et non audient : nares habent, et non odorabunt.

Manus habent, et non palpabunt ; pedes habent, et non ambulabunt : non clamabunt in gutture suo.

Similes illis fiant qui faciunt ea : et omnes qui confidunt in eis.

Domus Israel speravit in Domino : adiutor eorum et protector eorum est.

8 Who turned the rock into a standing water : and the stony hill into a flowing stream.

9 Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us : but unto thy name give the glory.

10 For thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake : lest the gentiles should say, Where is their God ?

11 But our God is in heaven : he hath done whatsoever he would.

12 The idols of the gentiles are silver and gold : the work of the hands of men.

13 They have mouths, and they shall not speak : they have eyes, and they shall not see.

14 They have ears, and they shall not hear : they have noses, and they shall not smell.

15 They have hands, and they shall not feel ; they have feet, and they shall not walk : neither shall they speak through their throat.

16 Let those that make them become like unto them : and all such as put their trust in them.

17 The house of Israel hath hoped in the Lord : he is their helper and protector.

Domus Aaron speravit in Domino: adjutor eorum et protector eorum est.

Qui timent Dominum, speraverunt in Domino adjutor eorum et protector eorum est.

Dominus memor fuit nostri: et benedixit nobis.

Benedixit domui Israel: benedixit domui Aaron.

Benedixit omnibus, qui timent Dominum: pusillis cum majoribus.

Adjiciat Dominus super vos: super vos, et super filios vestros.

Benedicti vos a Domino: qui fecit cœlum et terram.

Cœlum cœli Domino: terram autem dedit filiis hominum.

Non mortui laudabunt te, Domine: neque omnes qui ascendunt in infernum.

Sed nos qui vivimus, benedicimus Domino. ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.

Gloria Patri, &c.

18 The house of Aaron hath hoped in the Lord he is their helper and protector.

19 They that fear the Lord, have hoped in the Lord: he is their helper and protector.

20 The Lord hath been mindful of us: and hath blessed us.

21 He hath blessed the house of Israel: he hath blessed the house of Aaron

22 He hath blessed all that fear the Lord: the least together with the greatest.

23 May the Lord add blessings upon you: upon you, and upon your children.

24 Blessed be ye of the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.

25 The heaven of heavens is the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

26 The dead shall not praise thee, O Lord: neither all they that go down into hell.

27 But we who live, bless the Lord: from this time forth for evermore.

Glory be to the Father &c.

Ant. Nos qui vivimus,
benedicimus Domino.

Ant. We who live, bless
the Lord.

In Paschal time :—Ant. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Then follow the Little Chapter and the Hymn ; after which
is said, with its proper Antiphon :*

The Magnificat, or Canticle of the Blessed Virgin.

Magnificat : anima mea
Dominum.

Et exultavit spiritus meus :
in Deo salutari meo.

Quia respexit humilitatem
ancillæ suæ : ecce enim
ex hoc beatam me dicent
omnes generationes.

Quia fecit mihi magna
qui potens est : et sanctum
nomen ejus.

Et misericordia ejus a
progenie in progenies : timen-
tibus eum.

Fecit potentiam in brachio
suo : dispersit superbos
mente cordis sui.

Deposuit potentes de sede :
et exaltavit humiles.

Esurientes implevit bonis :
et divites dimisit inanes.

Suscepit Israel puerum suum :
recordatus misericordiæ suæ.

1 My soul doth magnify :
the Lord.

2 And my spirit hath re-
joiced : in God my Saviour

3 For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his hand-
maid : for behold from
henceforth all generations
shall call me blessed.

4 For he that is mighty
hath done great things unto
me : and holy is his name.

5 And his mercy is from
generation to generation :
unto them that fear him.

6 He hath showed
strength with his arm : he
hath scattered the proud in
the imagination of their
heart.

7 He hath put down the
mighty from their seat
and hath exalted the hum-
ble.

8 He hath filled the hun-
gry with good things : and
the rich he hath sent empty
away.

9 He hath holpen his ser-
vant Israel : being mindful
of his mercy.

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros: Abraham, et semini ejus in sæcula.

10 As he spake unto our fathers: to Abraham and his seed forever.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Here follow the proper Collect, and the Commemorations, if any; after which one of the Antiphons of the Blessed Virgin is sung, as at p. 887.

Common of Apostles and Evangelists.

FIRST VESPERS.

Psalm as on Sundays, with the exception of the last, for which Psalm cxvi., Laudate Dominum, is used, as follows:

Psalm cxvi. *Laudate Dominum.*

Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes: laudate eum, omnes populi:

1 Praise the Lord, all ye gentiles: praise him, all ye people:

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus: et veritas Domini manet in æternum

2 For his mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

SECOND VESPERS.

Psalm cix. Dixit Dominus. Psalm cxii. Laudate pueri. Then the three following.

Psalm cxv. *Credidi.*

Credidi, propter quod locutus sum: ego autem humiliatus sum nimis.

1 I believed, and therefore did I speak: but I was humbled exceedingly.

Ego dixi in excessu meo: Omnis homo mendax.

2 I said in my excess. All men are liars.

Quid retribuam Domino:

3 What shall I render

pro omnibus quæ retribuit
tibi?

Calicem salutaris accipiam:
et nomen Domini invocabo.

Vota mea Domino reddam
coram omni populo eius.
pretiosa in conspectu Domini
mors sanctorum ejus.

O Domine, quia ego servus
tuus: ego servus tuus, et
filius ancillæ tuæ.

Dirupisti vincula mea:
tibi sacrificabo hostiam laudis,
et nomen Domini invocabo.

Vota mea Domino reddam
in conspectu omnis populi
ejus: in atriis domus Domini,
in medio tui, Jerusalem.

unto the Lord: for all he
hath rendered unto me?

4 I will take the chalice
of salvation: and call upon
the name of the Lord.

5 I will pay my vows
unto the Lord in the presence
of all his people: precious
in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints.

6 O Lord, I am thy servant:
I am thy servant, and the
son of thy handmaid.

7 Thou hast broken my
bonds in sunder: I will offer
unto thee the sacrifice of
praise, and will call upon
the name of the Lord.

8 I will pay my vows
unto the Lord in the sight
of all his people: in the
courts of the house of the
Lord, in the midst of thee,
O Jerusalem.

Psalm cxxv. *In convertendo.*

In convertendo Dominus
captivitatem Sion: facti sunt
sicut consolati:

Tunc repletum est gaudium
os nostrum: et lingua nostra
exultatione.

Tunc dicent inter gentes:
Magnificavit Dominus facere
cum eis.

1 When the Lord turned
again the captivity of Sion:
we became like men that
are comforted:

2 Then was our mouth
filled with gladness: and
our tongue with joy.

3 Then shall they say
among the gentiles: The
Lord hath done great things
for them.

Magnificavit Dominus facere nobiscum: facti sumus lætantes.

Converte, Domine, captivitatem nostram: sicut torrens in austro.

Qui seminant in lacrymis: in exultatione metent.

Euntes ibant et flebant: mittentes semina sua.

Venientes autem venient cum exultatione: portantes manipulos suos.

Psalm cxxxviii.

Domine, probasti me, et cognovisti me: tu cognovisti sessionem meam, et resurrectionem meam.

Intellexisti cogitationes meas de longe: semitam meam, et funiculum meum investigasti.

Et omnes vias meas prævidisti: quia non est sermo in lingua mea.

Ecce, Domine, tu cognovisti omnia novissima et antiqua. tu formasti me, et posuisti super me manum tuam.

Mirabilis facta est scientia tua ex me: confortata est, et non potero ad eam.

Quo ibo a spiritu tuo: et quo a facie tua fugiam?

4 The Lord hath done great things for us we are become very joyful.

5 Turn again our captivity, O Lord: as a river in the south.

6 They that sow in tears: shall reap in joy.

7 Going on their way they went and wept: scattering their seed.

8 But returning, they shall come with joyfulness: bringing their sheaves with them.

Domine, probasti.

1 O Lord, thou hast proved me and known me: thou hast known my sitting down and my rising up.

2 Thou hast understood my thoughts long before; my path and my line hast thou searched out.

3 And thou hast foreseen all my ways: for there is not a word in my tongue.

4 Behold, O Lord, thou hast known all things, new and old: thou hast formed me, and laid thine hand upon me.

5 Thy knowledge is become too wonderful for me: it is strong and high, and I cannot attain unto it.

6 Whither shall I go from thy spirit: and whither shall I flee from thy face?

Si ascendero in cœlum,
tu illic es: si descendero in
infernū, ades.

Si sumpsero pennas meas
diluculo: et habitavero in
extremis maris

Et enim illuc manus tua
deducet me: et tenebit me
dextera tua.

Et dixi, Forsitan tenebræ
conculcabunt me: et nox
illuminatio mea in deliciis
meis.

Quia tenebræ non obscu-
rabuntur a te, et nox sicut
dies illuminabitur: sicut
tenebræ ejus, ita et lumen
ejus.

Quia tu possedisti renes
meos: suscepisti me de
utero matris meæ.

Confitebor tibi quia terri-
bilitate magnificatus es: mi-
rabilia opera tua, et anima
mea cognoscit nimis.

Non est occultatum os
meum a te, quod fecisti in
occulto: et substantia mea
in inferioribus terræ.

Imperfectum meum vi-
derunt oculi tui, et in libro
tuo omnes scribentur dies

7 If I go up into heaven,
thou art there: if I go down
into hell, thou art there
also

8 If I take to me the
wings of the morning: and
dwell on the uttermost part
of the sea

9 Even there also shall
thy hand lead me: and
thy right hand shall hold
me.

10 And I said, Peradven-
ture the darkness shall cov-
er me: and night shall be
my light in my pleasures.

11 But darkness shall
not be dark to thee, and
night shall be as light as
the day: the darkness
thereof and the light there-
of are alike to thee.

12 For thou hast pos-
sessed my reins: thou hast
holpen me from my mo-
ther's womb.

13 I will praise thee, for
thou art fearfully magnified:
marvellous are thy works,
and my soul knoweth them
right well.

14 My bones are not hid
from thee, which thou didst
fashion in secret: and my
substance in the lower parts
of the earth.

15 Thine eyes did see
my imperfect being, and in
thy book shall all men be

formabuntur, et nemo in eis.

Mihi autem nimis honorificati sunt amici tui, Deus: nimis confortatus est principatus eorum.

Dinumerabo eos, et super arenam multiplicabuntur: exsurrexi, et adhuc sum tecum.

Si occideris, Deus, peccatores: viri sanguinum declinate a me:

Quia dicitis in cogitatione: Accipient in vanitate civitates tuas.

Nonne qui oderunt te, Domine, oderam: et super inimicos tuos tabescebam?

Perfecto odio oderam illos: et inimici facti sunt mihi.

Proba me, Deus, et scito cor meum: interroga me, et cognosce semitas meas.

Et vide, si via iniquitatis in me est: et deduc me in via eterna.

written: day by day shall they be formed: while yet there is no one.

16 But to me thy friends O God, are made exceedingly honorable: most firmly is their dominion established.

17 I will tell them, and they shall be more in number than the sand: I have risen up, and am still with thee.

18 Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O God: ye men of blood, depart from me:

19 For ye say in your thoughts: They shall take thy cities in vain.

20 Have I not hated them, O Lord, that hated thee: and pined away because of thine enemies?

21 I have hated them with a perfect hatred: and they became as enemies unto me.

22 Prove me, O God, and try my heart: examine me, and search out my paths.

23 And look well, and there be in me the way of iniquity: and lead me in the way everlasting.

COMMON OF MARTYRS.

First Vespers: last Psalm, Laudate Dominum, p. 968. See and Vespers: last Psalm, Credidi, ibid.

COMMON OF A CONFESSOR AND BISHOP.

First Vespers: last Psalm, Laudate Dominum, p. 968. Second Vespers: last Psalm, Memento, Domine, as follows:

Psalm cxxxi. *Memento, Domine.*

Memento, Domine, David: et omnis mansuetudinis ejus.

Sicut juravit Domino: votum vovit Deo Jacob:

Si introiero in tabernaculum domus meæ: si ascendero in lectum strati mei:

Si dederò somnum oculis meis: et palpebris meis dormitationem,

Et requiem temporibus meis: donec inveniam locum Domino, tabernaculum Deo Jacob.

Ecce audivimus eam in Ephrata: invenimus eam in campis silvæ.

Introibimus in tabernaculum ejus: adorabimus in loco, ubi steterunt pedes ejus.

Surge, Domine, in requiem tuam: tu et arca sanctificationis tuæ.

Sacerdotes tui induantur

1 O Lord, remember David: and all his meekness.

2 How he swore unto the Lord: and vowed a vow unto the God of Jacob:

3 I will not enter into the tabernacle of mine house: I will not go up into my bed:

4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes: nor slumber to mine eyelids.

5 Nor rest unto the temples of my head: until I find a place for the Lord, a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

6 Lo, we heard of it in Ephrata: we found it in the fields of the wood.

7 We will go into his tabernacle: we will worship in the place, where his feet have stood.

8 Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place: thou, and the ark of thy holiness.

9 Let thy priests

justitiam . et sancti tui exultent.

Propter David servum tuum : non avertas faciem Christi tui.

Juravit Dominus David veritatem, et non frustrabitur eam : De fructu ventris tui ponam super sedem tuam.

Si custodierint filii tui testamentum meum : et testimonia mea hæc quæ docebo eos.

Et filii eorum usque in sæculum : sedebunt super sedem tuam.

Quoniam elegit Dominus Sion : elegit eam in habitationem sibi.

Hæc requies mea in sæculum sæculi : hic habitabo, quoniam elegi eam.

Viduam ejus benedicens benedicam : pauperes ejus saturabo panibus.

Sacerdotes ejus induam salutari : et sancti ejus exultatione exultabunt.

Illuc producam cornu David : paravi lucernam Christo meo.

Inimicos ejus induam confusione : super ipsum autem effloreat sanctificatio mea.

clothed with justice and let thy saints rejoice.

10 For thy servant David's sake : turn not away the face of thine Anointed

11 The Lord hath sworn the truth unto David, ~~and~~ he will not make it void Of the fruit of thy body . will set upon thy throne.

12 If thy children will keep my covenant : and these my testimonies which I shall teach them :

13 Their children also for evermore : shall sit upon thy throne.

14 For the Lord hath chosen Sion : he hath chosen her for his dwelling.

15 This is my rest forever and ever : here will I dwell, for I have chosen her.

16 With blessing, I will bless her widows : I will satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will clothe her priests with salvation : and her saints shall rejoice with exceeding joy.

18 There will I bring forth a horn unto David : I have prepared a lamp for mine Anointed.

19 His enemies will I clothe with confusion : but upon himself shall my sanctification flourish.

The Vespers of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be found in the Little Office; which are also the Common of Virgins and Holy Women, and the Vespers for New Year's Day.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

First Vespers: last Psalm, Laudate Dominum, p. 968. Second Vespers (and through the Octave): 4th Psalm, De profundis, p. 980. Last do., Memento, Domine, p. 978.

THE EPIPHANY.

First Vespers: last Psalm, Laudate Dominum, p. 968. Second Vespers: as on Sundays.

SS. PETER AND PAUL.

First Vespers: last Psalm, Laudate Dominum, p. 968. Second Vespers: as in Common of Apostles.

ALL SAINTS.

First Vespers: last Psalm, Laudate Dominum, p. 968. Second Vespers: last Psalm, Credidi, ibid.

ASCENSION DAY.

Second Vespers: last Psalm, Laudate Dominum, p. 968.

CORPUS CHRISTI AND FEAST OF SACRED HEART.

Second Vespers: 3d Psalm, Credidi, p. 968. 4th do., Beati omnes, p. 913. Last do., Lauda Jerusalem, p. 922.

Compline.

The Reader begins.

† Iube, domne, benedi- V. Pray, sir, a blessing.
cere

The Blessing.

Noctem quietam, et finem	May the Lord Almighty
perfectum concedat nobis	grant us a quiet night, and
Dominus omnipotens.	a perfect end.
R. Amen.	R. Amen.

Short Lesson. 1 St. Pet. v.

Fratres, sobrii estote, et vigilate: quia adversarius vester diabolus tamquam leo rugiens circuit, quærens quem devoret: cui resistite fortes in fide. Tu autem, Domine, miserere nobis.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

R. Qui fecit cælum et terram.

Pater noster. (*Dicitur totum secreto.*)

Brethren, be sober and watch: because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion goeth about, seeking whom he may devour; whom resist ye strong in faith. But do thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Our Father, &c. (*All in secret.*)

Then the Hebdomadarius makes the Confession.

Confiteor Deo omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ semper Virgini, beato Michaeli Archangelo, beato Joanni Baptistæ, sanctis Apostolis Petro et Paulo, omnibus Sanctis, et vobis fratres: quia peccavi nimis cogitatione, verbo, et opere: mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, beatum Michaelum Archangelum, beatum Joannem Baptistam, sanctos Apostolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes Sanctos, et vos fratres, orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum

I confess to almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, brethren: that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed: through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, brethren, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

The Choir answers :

Misereatur tui omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis tuis perducatur te ad vitam æternam.

R. Amen.

May almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to life everlasting.

R. Amen.

Then the Choir repeats the Confession.

Confiteor Deo omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ semper Virgini, beato Michaeli Archangelo, beato Joanni Baptistæ, sanctis Apostolis Petro et Paulo, omnibus Sanctis, et tibi, pater: quia peccavi nimis cogitatione, verbo, et opere: mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, beatum Michaellem Archangelum, beatum Joannem Baptistam, sanctos Apostolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes Sanctos, et te, pater, orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

I confess to almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, father: that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed: through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, father, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

The Hymnographer says :

Misereatur vestri omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis vestris, perducatur vos ad vitam æternam.

R. Amen.

Indulgentiam, absolutionem, et remissionem peccatorum nostrorum.

13

May almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to life everlasting.

R. Amen.

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us par-

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torum nostrorum tribuat dol. absolution, and remission of our sins.
nobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

Then is said :

V. Converte nos, Deus
salutaris noster.

R. Et averte iram tuam
a nobis.

V. Deus, in adjutorium
meum intende.

R. Domine, ad adjuvan-
dum me festina.

Gloria Patri.

Sicut erat.

Alleluia, *vel* Laus tibi,
Domine, Rex æternæ glo-
riæ.

Ant. Miserere.

V. Convert us, O God
our Saviour.

R. And turn away thy
anger from us.

V. O God, come to my
assistance.

R. O Lord, make haste
to help me.

Glory be to the Father,
&c.

As it was in the begin-
ning, &c.

Alleluia, *or* Praise be to
thee, O Lord, King of ever-
lasting glory.

Ant. Have mercy.

In Paschal time. *Ant.* Alleluia.

Psalm iv. *Cum invocarem.*

Cum invocarem, exaudi-
vit me Deus justitiæ meæ :
in tribulatione dilatasti
mihi.

Miserere mei : et exaudi
orationem meam.

Filii hominum usquequo
gravi corde : ut quid diligitis
vanitatem, et quæritis men-
daciū ?

Et scitote quoniam miri-
ficavit Dominus sanctum
suum : Dominus exaudiet
me, cum clamavero ad eum.

1 When I called upon
him, the God of my justice
heard me : when I was in dis-
tress, thou didst enlarge me

2 Have mercy upon me
and hear my prayer.

3 O ye sons of men, how
long will ye be dull of
heart : why do ye love van-
ity, and seek after lying ?

4 Know ye also that the
Lord hath exalted his holy
one : the Lord will hear me
when I cry unto him.

Irascimini, et nolite peccare : quæ dicitis in cordibus vestris, in cubilibus vestris compungimini.

Sacrificate sacrificium justitiæ, et sperate in Domino : multi dicunt, Quis ostendit vobis bona ?

Signatum est super nos lumen vultus tui, Domine : dedisti lætitiā in corde meo.

A fructu frumenti vini, et olei sui : multiplicati sunt.

In pace in idipsum : dormiam, et requiescam.

Quoniam tu, Domine, singulariter in spe ; constituisti me.

Gloria Patri.

5 Be ye angry, and sin not : the things which ye say in your hearts, be sorry for upon your beds

6 Offer up the sacrifice of justice, and hope in the Lord : there are many that say, Who sheweth us good things ?

7 The light of thy countenance, O Lord, is signed upon us : thou hast put gladness in my heart.

8 By the fruit of their corn and wine and oil : are they multiplied.

9 In peace in the self-same : I will sleep and take my rest.

10 For thou only, O Lord : hast established me in hope.

Glory be to the Father &c.

Psalm xxx. In te, Domine, speravi.

In te, Domine, speravi, non confundar in æternum : in justitia tua libera me.

Incлина ad me aurem tuam : accelera ut eruas me.

Esto mihi in Deum, protectorem, et in domum refugii : ut salvum me facias.

Quoniam fortitudo mea, et refugium meum es tu :

1 In thee, O Lord, have I hoped, let me never be confounded : deliver me in thy justice.

2 Incline thine ear unto me : make haste to deliver me.

3 Be thou, my God, my protector, and a house of refuge : that thou mayest save me.

4 For thou art my strength and my refuge

et propter nomen tuum deduces me, et enutries me.

Educes me de laqueo hoc, quem absconderunt mihi: quoniam tu es protector meus.

In manus tuas commendo spiritum meum: redemisti me, Domine, Deus veritatis.

Gloria Patri.

and for thy name's sake, thou wilt lead me and nourish me.

5 Thou wilt bring me out of this snare, that they have laid for me: for thou art my protector.

6 Into thy hands I commend my spirit: thou hast redeemed me. O Lord, the God of truth.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm xc. *Qui habitat.*

Qui habitat in adjutorio Altissimi: in protectione Dei cœli commemorabitur.

Dicet Domino, Susceptor meus es tu, et refugium meum: Deus meus, sperabo in eum.

Quoniam ipse liberavit me de laqueo venantium: et a verbo aspero.

Scapulis suis obumbrabit tibi: et sub pennis ejus sperabis.

Scuto circumdabit te veritas ejus. non timebis a timore nocturno:

A sagitta volante in die, a negotio perambulante in

1 He that dwelleth in the help of the Most High: shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven.

2 He shall say unto the Lord, Thou art my uphold-er, and my refuge: my God, in him will I hope.

3 For he hath delivered me from the snare of the hunters: and from the sharp word.

4 He shall overshadow thee with his shoulders: and under his wings shalt thou trust.

5 His truth shall compass thee with a shield: thou shalt not be afraid for the terror of the night:

6 For the arrow that flieth in the day, for the plague

tenebris : ab incursu et dæmonio meridiano.

‘Cadent a latere tuo mille, et decem millia a dextris tuis ; ad te autem non appropinquabit.

Verumtamen oculis tuis considerabis : et retributionem peccatorum videbis.

Quoniam tu es, Domine, spes mea : Altissimum posuisti refugium tuum.

Non accedet ad te malum : et flagellum non appropinquabit tabernaculo tuo.

Quoniam angelis suis mandavit de te : ut custodiant te in omnibus viis tuis.

In manibus portabunt te : ne forte offendas ad lapidem pedem tuum.

Super aspidem et basiliscum ambulabis : et conculcabis leonem et draconem.

Quoniam in me speravit, liberabo eum : protegam eum, quoniam cognovit nomen meum.

Clamabit ad me, et ego exaudiam eum : cum ipso sum in tribulatione, eripiam eum, et glorificabo eum.

that walketh in the darkness : for the assault of the evil one in the noon-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand : but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 But with thine eyes shalt thou behold : and shalt see the reward of the wicked.

9 For thou, O Lord, art my hope : thou hast set thy refuge very high.

10 There shall no evil approach unto thee : nor shall the scourge come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he hath given his angels charge over thee : to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 In their hands shall they bear thee up : lest haply thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt walk upon the asp and the basilisk the lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

14 Because he hath hoped in me, I will deliver him : I will protect him, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall cry unto me and I will hear him : I am with him in trouble, I will deliver him, and glorify him

Longitudine dierum replebo eum; et ostendam, illi salutare meum

Gloria Patri.

16 With length of days will I fill him: and I will show unto him my salvation.

Glory be to the Father &c.

Psalm cxxxii. *Ecce nunc.*

Ecce nunc benedicite Dominum omnes servi Domini.

Qui statis in domo Domini: in atriis domus dei nostri.

In noctibus extollite manus vestras in sancta: et benedicite Dominum.

Benedicat te Dominus ex Sion: qui fecit cælum et terram.

Gloria Patri.

1 Behold now, bless ye the Lord: all ye servants of the Lord.

2 Who stand in the house of the Lord; in the courts of the house of our God.

3 Lift up your hands by night to the holy places: and bless the Lord.

4 May the Lord out of Sion bless thee: who hath made heaven and earth.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. Miserere mihi, Domine, et exaudi orationem meam.

Ant. Have mercy on me, O Lord, and graciously hear my prayer.

HYMN.

To lucis ante terminum,
Rerum Creator, poscimus;
Ut pro tua clementia,
Sis praesul et custodia.

Procul recedant somnia,
Et noctium phantasmata;
Hostemque nostrum comprime,
Ne polluantur corpora.

Præsta, Pater piissime,
Patrique compar Unice,
Cum Spiritu Paraclito
Regnans per omne sæculum.

Now with the fast-departing light,
Maker of all! we ask of thee,
Of thy great mercy through the night
Our guardian and defence to be,

Far off let idle visions fly;
No phantom of the night molest,
Curb thou our raging enemy,
That we in chaste repose may rest.

Father of mercies! hear our cry;
Hear us, O sole-begotten Son!
Who, with the Holy Ghost most high,
Reignest while endless ages run

Little Chapter. Jer. xiv.

Tu autem in nobis es, Domine, et nomen sanctum tuum invocatum est super nos, ne derelinquas nos, Domine Deus noster. **Thou, O Lord, art among us, and thy holy name is invoked upon us, forsake us not, O Lord our God.**

R. Dec gratias.

R. Thanks be to God

*Resp. Brev.**Short Responsory.*

In manus tuas, Domine, commendo spiritum meum.

Into thy hands, O Lord I commend my spirit.

Chor. In manus tuas, Domine, commendo spiritum meum.

Choir. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

V. Redemisti nos, Domine, Deus veritatis.

V Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, the God of truth.

Chor. Commendo spiritum meum.

Choir. I commend my spirit.

V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Chor. In manus tuas, Domine, commendo spiritum meum.

Choir. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

V. Custodi nos, Domine, ut pupillam oculi.

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of an eye.

R. Sub umbra alarum tuarum protege nos.

R. Protect us under the shadow of thy wings.

In Paschal time, the above are said thus :

In manus tuas, Domine, commendo spiritum meum. Alleluia, alleluia.

Into thy hands, O Lord I commend my spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

Chor. In manus tuas, Domine, commendo spiritum meum. Alleluia, alleluia.

Choir. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Redemisti nos, Domine, Deus veritatis.

Chor. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Gloria Patri, &c.

Chor. In manus tuas, Domine, commendo spiritum meum. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Custodi nos, Domine, ut pupillam oculi. Alleluia.

R. Sub umbra alarum tuarum protege nos. Alleluia.

V. Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, the God of truth.

Choir. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

Choir. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of an eye. Alleluia.

R. Protect us under the shadow of thy wings. Alleluia.

The Nunc Dimittis, or Canticle of Simeon.

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine: secundum verbum tuum in pace:

Quia viderunt oculi mei: salutare tuum.

Quod parasti: ante faciem omnium populorum:

Lumen ad revelationem gentium: et gloriam plebis tue Israel.

Gloria Patri.

Ant. Salva nos, Domine, vigilantes, custodi nos dormientes: ut vigilemus cum Christo, et requiescamus in pace. (*Tenore Paschali.* Alleluia.)

1 Now dost thou dismiss thy servant, Lord, in peace; according to thy word:

2 For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation.

3 Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people:

4 A light to enlighten the gentiles: and the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father &c.

Ant. Save us, O Lord, waking, and keep us while we sleep: that we may watch with Christ, and rest in peace. (*In Paschal time.* Alleluia.)

The following Prayers are omitted on Doubles, and within Octaves :

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| Kyrie eleison. | Lord, have mercy. |
| Christe eleison. | Christ, have mercy. |
| Kyrie eleison. | Lord, have mercy. |
| Pater noster. <i>Secreto</i> | Our Father, &c. <i>In</i> |
| | <i>cret.</i> |
| V. Et ne nos inducas in
tentationem. | V. And lead us not into
temptation. |
| R. Sed libera nos a malo. | R. But deliver us from
evil. |
| Credo in Deum. <i>Secreto.</i> | I believe in God, &c. <i>In</i> |
| | <i>secret.</i> |
| V. Carnis resurrectionem. | V. The resurrection of
the body. |
| R. Vitam æternam. Amen. | R. And life everlasting
Amen. |
| V. Benedictus es, Domine, Deus patrum nostrorum. | V. Blessed art thou, O
Lord, the God of our fathers. |
| R. Et laudabilis et gloriosus in sæcula. | R. And worthy to be
praised and glorious forever. |
| V. Benedicamus Patrem et Filium cum Sancto Spiritu. | V. Let us bless the Father and the Son with the Holy Ghost. |
| R. Laudemus, et superexaltemus eum in sæcula. | R. Let us praise and exalt him above all forever. |
| V. Benedictus es, Domine, in firmamento cœli. | V. Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven |
| R. Et laudabilis, et gloriosus, et superexaltatus in sæcula. | R. And worthy to be praised, and glorious, and exalted above all forever. |
| V. Benedicat et custodiat nos omnipotens et misericors Dominus. | V. May the almighty and merciful Lord bless and preserve us. |
| R. Amen. | R. Amen. |

V. Dignare, Domine,
nocte ista.

R. Sine peccato nos cus-
ta dire.

V. Miserere nostri, Do-
mine

R. Miserere nostri.

V. Fiat misericordia tua,
Domine, super nos.

R. Quemadmodum sper-
avimus in te.

V. Domine, exaudi ora-
tionem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te
veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Visita, quæsumus, Do-
mine, habitationem istam,
et omnes insidias inimici ab
ea longe repelle: angeli
tui sancti habitent in ea,
qui nos in pace custodiant:
et benedictio tua sit super
nos semper. Per Domi-
num.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. Benedicamus Domino.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord,
this night.

R. To keep us without
sin.

V. Have mercy on us, O
Lord.

R. Have mercy on us.

V. Let thy mercy, O
Lord, be upon us.

R. As we have hoped in
thee.

V. O Lord, hear my
prayer.

R. And let my cry come
unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.]

Let us pray

Visit, we beseech thee, O
Lord, this habitation, and
drive far from it all snares
of the enemy: let thy holy
angels dwell herein, to pre-
serve us in peace: and may
thy blessing be always upon
us. Through our Lord,
&c.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

The Blessing.

Benedicat et custodiat
nos omnipotens et miseri-
cors Dominus, Pater, et
Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus.

R. Amen

May the Almighty and
merciful Lord, Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost, bless and
preserve us.

R. Amen.

The Order of the Exposition and Benedic- tion of the Most Holy Sacrament. •

When the Priest opens the Tabernacle, and incenses the Blessed Sacrament, is sung the Hymn, O salutaris hostia, p. 1000.

After which follows the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, p. 107, or some Psalm, or Antiphon, or Hymn appropriate to the Feast, or in honor of the Most Holy Sacrament. Here also are recited the corresponding Versicles and Prayers, as also any Prayer enjoined by the Bishop.

N. B. *If the Te Deum, p. 861, be recited, the persons present stand until the words Te ergo quæsumus (We pray thee therefore, &c.), when they kneel.*

Then is sung the Hymn, Tantum ergo Sacramentum, p. 1000, all present making a profound inclination (not prostration) while the words Veneremur cernui are being said. To which succeed the following Versicle and Prayer:

V. Panem de cœlo præstitisti eis. [Alleluia.]

V. Thou didst give them bread from heaven. [Alleluia.]

R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem. [Alleluia.]

R. Containing in itself all sweetness. [Alleluia.]

Alleluia is said in Paschal time, and during the Octave of Corpus Christi.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Deus, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili Passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti; tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Corporis et Sanguinis tui

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left us a memorial of thy Passion; grant, we beseech thee, that we may so worthily

sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tue fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

reverence the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may continually find in our souls the fruit of thy redemption. Who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

When The Deum is used as a thanksgiving :

V. Benedictus es Domine, Deus Patrum nostrorum.

R. Et laudabilis, et gloriosus in sæcula.

V. Benedicamus Patrem et Filium, cum Sancto Spiritu.

R. Laudemus et superexaltemus eum in sæcula.

V. Benedictus es, Domine Deus, in firmamento cœli.

R. Et laudabilis, et gloriosus, et superexaltatus in sæcula.

V. Benedic anima mea Dominum.

R. Et noli oblivisci retributiones ejus.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Deus, cujus misericordiæ

V. Blessed art thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

R. And worthy to be praised and glorious forever.

V. Let us bless the Father and the Son, with the Holy Ghost.

R. Let us praise and magnify him above all forever.

V. Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven.

R. And worthy to be praised, glorious and exalted above all forever.

V. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

R. And forget not all his benefits.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy Spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies

non est numerus, e. bonitatis infinitus est thesaurus: piissimæ majestati tuæ pro collatis donis gratias agimus, tuam semper clementiam exorantes: ut qui peccantibus postulata concedis, eisdem non deserens, ad præmia futura disponas.

Deus, qui corda fidelium Sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti: da nobis in eodem Spiritu recta sapere, et de ejus semper consolatione gaudere.

Deus, qui neminem in te sperantem, nimium affligi permittis, sed pium precibus præstas auditum: pro postulationibus nostris, votisque susceptis gratias agimus, te piissime deprecantes, ut a cunctis semper muniamur adversis. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R Amen.

are without number, and the treasure of whose goodness is infinite: we render thanks to thy most gracious Majesty for the gifts thou hast bestowed upon us, evermore beseeching thy clemency; that as thou grantest the petitions of them that ask thee, thou wilt never forsake them, but wilt prepare them for the rewards to come.

O God, who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit; grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his consolation.

O God, who sufferest none that hope in thee to be afflicted overmuch, but dost afford a gracious ear unto their prayers: we render thee thanks for that thou hast heard our supplications and vows; and we most humbly beseech thee, that we may evermore be protected from all adversities. Through Christ our Lord
R. Amen.

Hymns

Hymns for Festas.

MORNING.

Now with the rising golden dawn,
Let us, the children of the day,
Cast off the darkness which so long
Has led our guilty souls astray.

Oh, may the morn so pure, so clear,
Its own sweet calm in us instil;
A guileless mind, a heart sincere,
Simplicity of word and will:

And ever, as the day glides by,
May we the busy senses rein;
Keep guard upon the hand and eye,
Nor let the body suffer stain.

For all day long, on heaven's high
tower,
There stands a sentinel, who
spies
Our every action, hour by hour,
From early dawn till daylight
dies.

To God the Father glory be,
And to his sole-begotten Son;
The same, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
While everlasting ages run.

EVENING.

Lord of eternal purity!
Who dost the world with light
adorn,
And paint the tracts of azure sky
With lovely hues of eve and
morn;

Who didst command the sun to
light
His fiery wheel's effulgent blaze;
Didst set the moon her circuit
bright;
The stars their ever-winding
maze:

That, each within its ordered
sphere,
They might divide the night from
day;

And of the seasons, through the
year,
The well-remembered signs the
play:

Scatter our night, eternal God,
And kindle thy pure beams with
in:
Free us from guilt's oppressive
load,
And break the deadly bonds a
sin.

Father of mercies! hear our cry;
Hear us, O sole-begotten Son!
Who, with the Holy Ghost most
high,
Reignest while endless ages run

Sunday Vespers.

Lucis Creator optime,
 Lucem dierum proferens,
 Primordiis lucis novæ,
 Mundi parans originem.

Qui mane junctum vesperi
 Diem vocari præcipis;
 Illabitur tetrum chaos,
 Audi preces cum fletibus.

Ne mens gravata crimine,
 Vitæ sit exul munere.
 Dum nil perenne cogitat,
 Seseque culpis illigat.

Cœleste pulset ostium:
 Vitale tollat præmium:
 Vitemus omne noxium:
 Purgemus omne pessimum.

Præsta, Pater piissime,
 Patrique compar Unice,
 Cum Spiritu Paraclito,
 Regnans per omne sæculum.

Amen.

O blest Creator of the light !
 Who dost the dawn from dark-
 ness bring;
 And framing nature's depth and
 height, [begin.
 Didst with the new-born light

Who gently blending eve with
 morn,
 And morn with eve, didst call
 them day;
 Thick flows the flood with dark-
 ness down ; [pray !
 Oh, hear us as we weep and

Keep thou our souls from schemes
 of crime ;
 Nor guilt remorseful let them
 know ; [time.
 Nor, thinking but on things of
 Into eternal darkness go.

Teach us to knock at heaven's
 high door;
 Teach us the prize of life to win.
 Teach us all evil to abhor,
 And purify ourselves within.

Father of mercies ! hear our cry;
 Hear us, O sole-begotten Son !
 Who, with the Holy Ghost most
 high, [run.
 Reignest whilst endless ages
 Amen.

Hymn for Compline, see p. 982.

Hymns Proper for the Season.**Advent.**

Hark ! a awful voice is sounding;
 " Christ is nigh ! " it seems to
 say : [ness,
 " Cast away the dreams of dark-
 O ye children of the day ! "

Startled at the solemn warning,
 Let the earth-bound soul arise;
 Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispell-
 ing,
 Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from
heaven :

Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven.

So, when next he comes with
glory,
Wrapping all the earth in fear,

May he then as our defender
On the clouds of heaven appear

Honor, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the everlasting Spirit,
While eternal ages run.

Christmas.

Jesu, Redeemer of the world!
Who, ere the earliest dawn of
light,
Wast from eternal ages born,
Immense in glory as in might,

Immortal Hope of all mankind!
In whom the Father's face we
see;

Hear thou the prayers thy people
pour,
This day throughout the world
to thee.

Remember, O Creator Lord!
That in the Virgin's sacred womb
Thou wast conceived, and of her
flesh
Didst our mortality assume.

This ever-blest recurring day
Its witness bears, that all alone,

From thy own Father's bosom
forth,
To save the world thou camest
down.

O day! to which the seas and sky,
And earth and heaven, glad wel-
come sing;

O day! which healed our misery,
And brought on earth salvation's
king.

We too, O Lord, who have been
cleansed
In thy own fount of blood divine,
Offer the tribute of sweet song,
On this blest natal day of thine.

O Jesu! born of Virgin bright,
Immortal glory be to thee;
Praise to the Father infinite,
And Holy Ghost eternally.

Adeste Fideles.

Adeste fideles
Laeti triumphantes;
Venite, venite in Bethlehem:
Natum videte
Regem angelorum:
Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus Dominum.

Ye faithful, approach ye,
Joyfully triumphing;
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye, to Beth-
lehem:
Come and behold ye
Born the King of angels:
Oh, come, let us worship,
Oh, come, let us worship,
Oh, come, let us worship Christ the
Lord.

Deum de Deo,
Lumen de lumine,
Sedant puellæ viscera.
Deum verum,
Genitum, non factum.
Venite adoremus. &c.

Cantet nunc Io'
Chorus angelorum:
Cantet nunc aula cœlestium,
Gloria
In excelsis Deo!
Venite, &c.

Ergo qui natus
Die hodierna,
Jesu tibi sit gloria:
Patris æterni
Verbum caro factum!
Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus Dominum.

True God of God,
True Light of Light,
Lo, He disdains not the Virgin's
womb:
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
Oh, come, let us worship, &c.

Sing Hallelulah;
Let the courts of Heaven
Ring with the Angel-chorus,—
Praise the Lord,
Glory to God in the highest:
Oh, come, let us worship, &c.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning:
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n:
Word of the Father
In our flesh appearing:
Oh, come, let us worship,
Oh, come, let us worship,
Oh, come, let us worship Christ the
Lord.

Epiphany.

Bethlehem! of noblest cities
None can once with thee com-
pare;
Thou alone the Lord from heaven
Didst for us incarnate bear.

Fairer than the sun at morning
Was the star that told his birth;
From the lands their God announcing,
Hid beneath a form of earth.

By the lambent beauty guided,
See, the Eastern kings appear

See them bend, their gifts to of-
fer,—
Gifts of incense, gold, and myrrh

Offerings of mystic meaning;—
Incense doth the God disclose
Gold a royal child proclaimeth;
Myrrh a future tomb 'treshows

Holy Jesu! in thy brightness
To the gentile world displayed
With the Father and the Spirit,
Ereless praise to thee be paid

The Most Holy Name of Jesus.*

I.

Jesu ! the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills my breast ;
Yet sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, nor heart can
frame,
Nor can the memory find,
A sweeter sound than thy blest
name,
O Saviour of mankind !

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,

To those who fall, how kind thou
art !
How good to those who seek

But what to those who find ? at
this
Nor tongue nor pen can show :
The love of Jesus, what it is,
None but his loved ones know

Jesu ! our only joy be thou,
As thou our prize wilt be ;
Jesu ! be thou our glory now,
And through eternity.

II.

O Jesu ! King most wonderful !
Thou Conqueror renowned !
Thou sweetness most ineffable !
In whom all joys are found !

When once thou visitest the heart,
Then truth begins to shine ;
Then earthly vanities depart ;
Then kindles love divine.

O Jesu ! Light of all below !
Thou Fount of life and fire !

Surpassing all the joys we know,
All that we can desire :

May every heart confess thy name,
And ever thee adore ;
And seeking thee, itself inflame
To seek thee more and more.

Thee may our tongues forever
bless ;
Thee may we love alone ;
And ever in our lives express
The image of thine own.

III.

O Jesu ! thou the beauty art
Of angel worlds above ;
Thy name is music to the heart,
Enchanting it with love.

Celestial sweetness unalloyed .
Who eat thee hunger still ;
Who drink of thee still feel a void,
Which naught but thou can fill.

O my sweet Jesu ! hear the sighs
Which unto thee I send ;

To thee my inmost spirit cries,
My being's hope and end !

Stay with us, Lord, and with thy
light
Illumine the soul's abyss ;
Scatter the darkness of our night
And fill the world with bliss.

O Jesu ! spotless Virgin flower .
Our life and joy ! to thee
Be praise, beatitude, and power,
Through all eternity.

* This is commonly called St. Bernard's Hymn.

Lent

Thou loving Maker of mankind,
Before thy throne we pray and
weep;
Oh, strengthen us with grace di-
vine,
Duly this sacred Lent to keep.

Searcher of hearts! thou dost our
ills
Discern, and all our weakness
know:
Again to thee with tears we turn;
Again to us thy mercy show.

Much have we sinn'd; but we con-
fess [plore:
Our guilt, and all our faults de-

Oh, for the praise of thy great
name,
Our fainting souls to health re-
store.

And grant us, while by fasts we
strive
This mortal body to control,
To fast from all the food of sin,
And so to purify the soul.

Hear us, O Trinity thrice blest
Sole Unity! to thee we cry.
Vouchsafe us from these fasts be-
low
To reap immortal fruit on high.

Passion-tide The Holy Cross.

Forth comes the standard of the
King:
All hail, thou mystery adored!
Hail, Cross! on which the Life
himself
Died, and by death our life re-
stored.

On which our Saviour's holy side,
Rent open with a cruel spear,
Of blood and water poured a
stream,
To wash us from defilement
clear.

On the red wood! in thee fulfilled
Was holy David's truthful lay;
Which told the world, that from a
tree
The Lord should all the nations
sway.

Most royally empurpled o'er,
How beautifully thy stem doth
shine!

How glorious was its lot to touch
Those limbs so holy and divine

Thrice blest, upon whose arms
outstretched
The Saviour of the world re-
clined;
Balance sublime! upon whose
beam
Was weighed the ransom of
mankind.

Hail, Cross! thou only hope of
man,
Hail, on this holy Passion day
To saints increase the grace they
have;
From sinners purge their guilt
away.

Salvation's spring, blest Trinity,
Be praise to thee through earth
and skies:
Thou through the Cross the victory
Dost give: oh, also give th
prize!

The Crucifixion.

O'erwhelmed in depths of woe,
Upon the tree of scorn
Hangs the Redeemer of mankind,
With racing anguish torn.

See! how the nails those hands
And feet so tender rend;
See! down his face, and neck, and
breast,
His sacred blood descend

Hark! with what awful cry
His Spirit takes its flight;
That cry, it pierced his Mother's
heart,
And whelmed her soul in night.

Earth hears, and to its base
Rocks wildly to and fro;
Tombs burst; seas, rivers, mount-
ains quake;
The veil is rent in two.

The sun withdraws his light;
The midday heavens grow pale
The moon, the stars, the universe,
Their Maker's death bewail.

Shall man alone be mute?
Come, youth! and hoary hairs!
Come, rich and poor! come, all
mankind!
And bathe those feet in tears.

Come! fall before his Cross,
Who shed for us his blood;
Who died the victim of pure love,
To make us sons of God.

Jesus all praise to thee,
Our joy and endless rest!
Be thou our guide while pilgrims
here,
Our crown amid the blest.

Easter.

Now at the Lamb's high festival
In robes of saintly white we
sing,
Through the Red Sea in safety
brought
By Jesus our immortal king.

O charity divine! his blood
He gives to crown the royal
feast;
His flesh for us he immolates,
Himself the victim, love the
priest.

And as the avenging angel passed
O'er old the blood-besprinkled
door,
As the cleft sea a passage gave,
Then closed to whelm the Egypt-
ians o'er:

So Christ, our paschal sacrifice,
Has brought us safe all perils
through;
While for unleavened bread we
But heart sincere and purpose
true.

Hail, purest Victim Heaven could
find,
The powers of hell to overthrow
Who didst the chains of death
destroy:
Who dost the prize of life be-
stow

Hail, victor Christ! hail, risen King
To thee alone belongs the crown
Who hast the heavenly gates un-
barred,
And dragged the prince of dark-
ness down.

O Jesu from the death of sin
Keep us, we pray; so shalt thou
be
The everlasting paschal joy
Of all the souls new-born in
thee.

Now to the Father, and the Son,
Who rose from death, be glory
given;
With thee, O holy Comforter,
Henceforth by all in earth and
heaven.

Ascension Day

O thou eternal King most high!
Who didst the world redeem;
And conquering death and hell,
receive
A dignity supreme.

Thou through the starry orbs, this
day,
Didst to thy throne ascend:
Thenceforth to reign in sovereign
power,
And glory without end.

There, seated in thy majesty,
To thee submissive bow
The heav'n of heav'ns, the spacious
earth,
The depths of hell below.

With trembling there the angels see
The changed estate of men;
The flesh which sinned, by flesh
redeemed;
Man in the Godhead reign.

There, waiting for thy faithful
souls.
Be thou to us, O Lord!
Our peerless joy while here we
stay,
In heav'n our great reward.

Renew our strength; our sins for-
give;
Our miseries efface;
And lift our souls aloft to thee,
By thy celestial grace.

So, when thou shinest on the
clouds,
With thy angelic train,
May we be saved from vengeance
due,
And our lost crowns regain.

Glory to Jesus, who returns
Triumphantly to heaven;
Praise to the Father evermore.
And Holy Ghost be given

Whitsun-tide.

Veni Creator Spiritus,
Mentes tuorum visita,
Imple superna gratia,
Quæ tu creasti pectora.

Qui dicis Paraclitus,
Altissimi donum Dei,
Fons vivus, ignis, charitas,
Et spiritualis unctio.

Come, O Creator Spirit blest!
And in our souls take up thy rest.
Come, with thy grace and heav-
enly aid,
To fill the hearts which thou hast
made.

Great Paraclete! to thee we cry,
O highest gift of God most high!
O fount of life! O fire of love!
And sweet anointing from above

Tu septiformis munere,
 Digitus Paternæ dexteræ.
 Tu rite promissum Patriæ
 Sermone ditans guttura.

Accende lumen sensibus,
 Infunde amorem cordibus.
 Infirma nostri corporis
 Virtutis firmans perpeti

Hostem, repellas longius,
 Pacemque dones protinus;
 Ductore sic te prævi,
 Vitemus omne noxium.

Per te sciamus da Patrem,
 Noscamus atque Filium,
 Teque utriusque Spiritum
 Credamus omni tempore.

Deo Patri sit gloria,
 Et Filio, qui a mortuis
 Surrexit, ac Paraclito,
 In sæculorum sæcula.

Amen

Thou in thy sevenfold gifts art
 known:
 The finger of God's hand we own
 The promise of the Father thou!
 Who dost the tongue with power
 endow.

Kindle our senses from above,
 And make our hearts o'erflow with
 love;
 With patience firm, and virtue
 high,
 The weakness of our flesh supply

Far from us drive the foe we dread,
 And grant us thy true peace in-
 stead;
 So shall we not, with thee for
 guide,
 Turn from the path of life aside.

Oh, may thy grace on us bestow,
 The Father and the Son to know,
 And thee through endless times
 confessed
 Of both the eternal Spirit blest.

All glory while the ages run
 Be to the Father, and the Son
 Who rose from death; the same to
 thee,
 O Holy Ghost, eternally.

Amen.

Sequence.

Veni Sancte Spiritus,
 Et exaltæ cœlitus
 Lucis tuæ radium:

Veni pater pauperum,
 Veni dator munerum,
 Veni lumen cordium

Consolator optime,
 Dulcis hospes animæ,
 Dulce refrigerium.

In labore requies,
 In aestu temperies,
 In fletu solatium.

Holy Spirit! Lord of light!
 From thy clear celestial height,
 Thy pure beaming radiance give

Come, thou father of the poor!
 Come, with treasures which are
 pure!
 Come, thou light of all that live

Thou, of all consolers best,
 Visiting the troubled breast,
 Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
 Pleasant coolness in the heat;
 Solace in the midst of woe.

O lux beatissima,
Reple cordis intima
Tuorum fidelium.

Sine tuo numine,
Nihil est in homine,
Nihil est innoxium.

Lava quod est sordidum
Riga quod est aridum:
Sana quod est saucium.

Ficte quod est rigidum:
Fove quod est frigidum:
Rege quod est devium.

Da tuis fidelibus
In te confidentibus
Sacrum septenarium

Da virtutis meritum:
Da salutis exitum:
Da perenne gaudium

Amen.

Light immortal! light divine!
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take any grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay:
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds—our strength
renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away

Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on those who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
In thy sevenfold gifts descend

Give them comfort when they die,
Give them life with thee on high;
Give them joys which never end.

Amen.

Hymns of the Blessed Sacrament.

Verbum supernum prodiens,
Nec Patris linquens dexteram,
Ad opus suum exiens,
Venit ad vitæ vesperam

Ille mortem a discipulo
Suis tradendus semulis,
Prius in vitæ ferculo
Se tradidit discipulis.

Quibus sub bina specie
Carnem dedit et sanguinem,
Ut duplicis substantiæ
Totum cibaret hominem.

Se nascens dedit socium,
Convivone in edulium,

The Word, descending from above,
Though with the Father still on
high,
Went forth upon his work of love,
And soon to life's last eve drew
nigh.

He shortly to a death accursed
By a disciple shall be given;
But, to his twelve disciples, first
He gives himself, the bread from
heaven.

Himself in either kind he gave;
He gave his flesh, he gave his
blood: [made;
Of flesh and blood all men are
And he of man would be the food.

At birth, our brother he became;
At board, himself as food he
gives:

Se moriens in pretium,
Se regnans da in præmum

O salutaris Hostia,
Quæ coeli pandis ostium
Bella premunt hostia,
Da robur fer auxilium

Uni trinoque Domino
Est sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Vobis donet in patria. Amen.

Pange lingua gloriosi
Corporis mysterium,
Sanguinisque pretiosi,
Quem in mundi pretium
Fructus ventris generosi
Rex effudit gentium.

Nobis datus nobis natus
Ex intacta Virgine,
Et in mundo conversatus,
Sparsa verbi semina,
Sui moras incolatus
Miro clausit ordine.

In supremæ noctis coenæ,
Recumbens cum fratribus,
Observata lege plebis,
Cibis in legalibus,
Cibum turbæ ductus æ
Se dat suis manibus

Verbum caro, panem verum
Verbo carnem efficit:
Fitque sanguis Christi merum
Et si sensus deficit,
Ad firmandum cor sincerum
Sola fides sufficit.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo celat ritui:

To ransom us he died in shame,
As our reward, in bliss he lives

O saving Victim! opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below
Our foes press on from every side
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

To thy great name be endless praise
Immortal Godhead, one in three
Oh, grant us endless length of days
In our true native land with thee

Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's
glory,
Of his Flesh' the mystery sing;
Of the Blood, all price exceeding,
Shed by our immortal King,
Destined for the world's redemption,
From a noble womb to spring.

Of a pure and spotless Virgin
Born for us on earth below,
He, as man with man conversing,
Stayed, the seeds of truth to sow;
Then he closed in solemn order
Wondrously his life of woe.

On the night of that Last Supper,
Seated with his chosen band,
He the paschal victim eating,
First fulfils the laws command;
Then, as food to all his brethren,
Gives himself with his own hand.

Word made flesh, the bread of life
By his word to flesh he turns;
Wine into his blood he changes:
What though sense no change discerns?
Only be the heart in earnest,
Faith her lesson quickly learns.

Down in adoration falling,
Lo! the sacred host we hail;
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing
Newer rites of grace prevail

**Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.**

**Genitori, Genioque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio :
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.**

**Faith, for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail**

**To the everlasting Father,
And the Son who reigns on high
With the Holy Ghost proceeding
Forth from each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might, and endless majesty.**

Sequence.

**Lauda, Sion, Salvatorem,
Lauda ducem et pastorem.
In hymnis et canticis.
Quantum potes, tantum aude,
Quia major omni laude,
Nec laudare sufficit.**

**Sion, lift thy voice and sing,
Praise thy Saviour and thy King,
Praise with hymns thy Shepherd
true :
Strive thy best to praise him well
Yet doth he all praise excel ;
None can ever reach his due.**

**Laudis thema specialis,
Panis vivus et vitalis
Hodie proponitur.
Quem in sacræ mensæ cœnæ,
Turbæ fratrum duodenis
Datum non ambigitur.**

**See to-day before us laid
The living and life-giving bread !
Theme for praise and joy pro-
found !
The same which at the sacred board
Was, by our incarnate Lord,
Given to his apostles round.**

**Sit laus plena, sit sonora,
Sit jucunda, sit decora,
Mentis jubilatio.
Dies enim sollemnis agitur,
In qua mensæ prima recolitur
Hujus institutio.**

**Let the praise be loud and high ;
Sweet and tranquil be the joy
Felt to-day in every breast ;
On this festival divine,
Which records the origin
Of the glorious Eucharist.**

**In hac mensa novi Regis,
Novum Pascha novæ legis,
Phæse vetus terminat.
Vetustatem novitas,
Imbram fugat veritas,
Verorem lux eliminat.**

**On this table of the King,
Our new paschal offering
Brings to end the olden rite ;
Here, for empty shadows fled,
Is reality instead ;
Here, instead of darkness, light**

**quod in cœna Christus genuit,
faciendum hoc expressit
In sui memoriam.
Docti sacris institutis,
Panem, vinum, in salutis
Consecramus hostiam.**

**His own act at supper seated,
Christ ordained to be repeated,
In his memory divine ;
Wherefore now, with adoration,
We the host of our salvation
Consecrate from bread and wine**

**Dogma datur Christianis,
Quod in carnem transit panis,**

**Hear what holy Church maintain-
eth,
That the bread its substance chang-
eth**

Et vinum in sanguinem.
Quod non capis, quod non vides,
Animosa firmat fides,
Præter rerum ordinem.

Sub diversis speciebus,
Signis tantum et non rebus,
Latent res eximiae.
Caro cibus, sanguis potus;
Manet tamen Christus totus
Sub utraque specie

A sumente non concisus,
Non contractus, non divisus,
Integer accipitur.
Sumit unus, sumunt mille!
Quantum iste, tantum ille:
Nec sumptus consumitur.

Sumunt boni, sumunt mali:
Sorte tamen inæquali,
Vitæ, vel interitus.
Mors est malis, vita bonis:
Vide paris sumptionis
Quam sit dispar exitus.

Fracto demum Sacramento,
Ne vacilles, sed memento,
Tantum esse sub fragmento,
Quantum toto tegitur.
Nulla rei fit scissura,
Signi tantum fit fractura,
Qua nec status, nec statura
Signati minuitur.

Ecce panis Angelorum,
Factus cibus viatorum:
Vere panis filiorum,
Non mittendus cæcibus.
In figuris præsignatur,
Cum Isaac immolatur:
Agnus Paschæ deputatur
Datur manna patribus.

Iuno pastor, panis vere,
Jesu nostri miserere:
Tu nos pascas, nos tuere:
Tu nos bona fac videre
In terra viventium.
Tu, qui cuncta scis et vales,
Qui nos pascis hic mortales
Tuos ibi commensales,
Cohæredes, et sodales,
Fac sanctior in civium.

Amen.

Into flesh, the wine was blood.
Doth it pass thy comprehending?
Faith, the law of sight transcending
Leaps to things not understood.

Here, beneath these signs are hid
den
Priceless things, to sense forbidden
Signs, not things, are all we see
Flesh from bread, and blood from
wine.

Yet is Christ in either sign.
All entire, confessed to be.

They too, who of him partake
Sever not, nor rend, nor break,
But, entire, their Lord receive.
Whether one or thousands eat,
All receive the self-same meat,
Nor the less for others leave

Both the wicked and the good
Eat of this celestial food;
But with ends how opposite!
Here 'tis life; and there 'tis death:
The same, yet issuing to each
In a difference infinite.

Nor a single doubt retain,
When they break the host in twain,
But that in each part remains
What was in the whole before:
Since the simple sign alone
Suffers change in state or form,
The signified remaining one
And the same for ever ore.

Lo! upon the altar lies,
Hidden deep from human eyes,
Bread of angels from the skies,
Made the food of mortal man:
Children's meat to dogs denied:
In old types resignified;
In the manna heaven-supplied.
Isaac, the paschal lamb

Jesu! Shepherd of the sheep!
Thou thy flock in safety keep.
Living bread! thy life supply;
Strengthen us, or else we die;
Fill us with celestial grace:
Thou, who feedest us below!
Source of all we have or know!
Grant that with thy saints above,
Sitting at the feast of love,

We may see thee face to face.

Amen.

HYMNS.

Hymn of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Adoro te te-croto, latens Deitas,
Quæ sub his figuris vere latitas :
Tibi se cor meum totum subjecit,
Quia te contemplans totum deficit.
Ave Jesu, Pastor fidelium ;
Adauge fidem omnium in te cre-
dentium.

Fusus, gustus, tactus, in te fallitur,
Sed auditu solo tuto creditur.
Uredo quidquid dixit Dei Filius ;
Nil hoc verbo veritas verius.
Ave Jesu, Pastor fidelium ;
Adauge fidem omnium in te cre-
dentium.

In cruce latebat sola Deitas,
At hic latet simul et Humanitas :
Ambo tamen credens atque con-
fitemens,
Peto quod petivit latro poenitens.
Ave Jesu, Pastor fidelium ;
Adauge fidem omnium in te cre-
dentium.

Plagas, sicut Thomas, non intueor,
Deum tamen meum te confiteor.
Fac me tibi semper magis credere,
In te spem habere, te diligere.
Ave Jesu, Pastor fidelium ;
Adauge fidem omnium in te cre-
dentium.

O memorialis mortis Domini !
Panis vivus, vitam præstans ho-
mini !
Præsta meæ menti de te vivere,
Et te illi semper dulce sapere.
Ave Jesu, Pastor fidelium ;
Adauge fidem omnium in te cre-
dentium.

Pæ Pollicans, Jesu Domine,
Me immundum munda tuo san-
guine,
Cujus una stilla saluum facere
Totum mundumquit ab omni scelere.
Ave Jesu, Pastor fidelium ;
Adauge fidem omnium in te cre-
dentium.

O Godhead hid, devoutly I adore
thee,
Who truly art within the forms be-
fore me ;
To thee my heart I bow with bared
knee,
As failing quite in contemplating
thee.

Sight, touch, and taste in thee are
each deceived,
The ear alone most safely is be-
lieved ;
I believe all the Son of God has
spoken,
Than truth's own word there is no
truer token.

God only on the cross lay hid from
view ;
But here lies hid at once the man-
hood too :
And I, in both professing my be-
lief,
Make the same prayer as the re-
pentant thief.

Thy wounds, as Thomas saw, I do
not see ;
Yet thee confess my Lord and God
to be :
Make me believe thee ever more
and more ;
In thee my hope, in thee my love
to adore.

O thou memorial of our Lord's own
dying !
O living bread to mortals life sup-
plying !
Make thou my soul henceforth on
thee to live ;
Ever a taste of heavenly sweetness
give.

O loving Polican ! O Jesu Lord !
Unclean I am, but cleanse me in
thy blood !
Of which a single drop, for sinners
spilt,
Can purge the entire world from
all its guilt.

HYMNS

Jesu, quem velatum nunc aspicio,
 Oro, fiat illud, quod tam sitio.
 Ut, te revelata cernens facie,
 Visu sim beatus tuæ gloriæ.
 Ave Jesu, Pastor fidelium;
 Aduge fidem omnium in te credentium.

Jesu! who'n for the present veiled
 I see,
 What I so thirst for, oh, vouchsafe
 to me:
 That I may see thy countenance
 unfolding,
 And may be blest thy glory in be-
 holding.

[The following is usually sung after every stanza.]

Jesu, eternal Shepherd! hear our cry;
 Increase the faith of all whose souls on thee rely.

Prose.

Ave verum Corpus, natum
 Ex Maria virgine.
 Vere passum, immolatum,
 In cruce pro homine.

Hail to thee! true Body, sprung
 From the Virgin Mary's womb!
 The same that on the cross was
 hung,
 And bore for man the bitter doom

Cujus latus perforatum
 Vero fluxit sanguine,
 Eato nobis prægustatum.
 Mortis in examine.

Thou, whose side was pierced, and
 flowed,
 Both with water and with blood—
 Suffer us to taste of thee,
 In our life's last agony.

O clemens, O pie,
 O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariæ.

O kind, O loving One!
 O sweet Jesu, Mary's Son

The Sacred Heart of Jesus.

All ye who seek a certain cure
 In trouble and distress,
 Whatever sorrow vex the mind,
 Or guilt the soul oppress:

It did his murderers forgive,
 And for their pardon pray.

Jesus, who gave himself for you
 Upon the cross to die,
 Opens to you his sacred heart,—
 Oh, to that heart draw nigh!

O heart! thou joy of Saints on
 high!
 Thou hope of sinners here
 Attracted by those loving words
 To thee I lift my prayer.

Ye hear how kindly he invites;
 Ye hear his words so blest;—
 * All ye that labor, come to me,
 And I will give you rest."

Wash thou my wounds in that
 dear blood
 Which forth from thee doth
 flow;
 New grace, new hope inspire: a
 new
 And better heart bestow.

What meeker than the Saviour's
 heart?—
 As on the cross he lay

HYMNS.

Hymn of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Ave maris stella,
Dei Mater alma,
Atque semper Virgo,
Felix cœli porta.

Sumens illud Ave
Gabrielis ore,
Funda nos in pace,
Mutans Evæ nomen.

Solve vincla reis,
Profer lumen cæcis,
Mala nostra pelle,
Bona cuncta posce.

Monstra te esse Matrem,
Sumat per te preces,
Qui pro nobis natus,
Tulit esse tuus.

Virgo singularia,
Inter omnes mitis,
Nos culpis solutos,
Mites fac et castos.

Vitam præsta puram,
Iter para tutum;
Ut videntes Jesum,
Semper collætémur.

Sit laus Deo Patri,
Summo Christo decus,
Spiritui Sancto,
Trius honor unus. Amen.

Gentle Star of ocean!
Portal of the sky!
Ever Virgin Mother
Of the Lord most high!

Oh! by Gabriel's Ave,
Uttered long ago,
Eva's name reversing,
Stablish peace below.

Break the captive's fetters;
Light on blindness pour;
All our ills expelling,
Every bliss implore.

Show thyself a Mother;
Offer him our sighs,
Who for us incarnate,
Did not thee despise.

Virgin of all virgins:
To thy shelter take us:
Gentlest of the gentle!
Chaste and gentle make us.

Still, as on we journey,
Help our weak endeavor;
Till with thee and Jesus
We rejoice forever.

Through the highest heaven,
To the Almighty Three,
Father, Son, and Spirit,
One same glory be. Amen.

Feast of the Annunciation.

What mortal tongue can sing thy
praise,
Dear Mother of the Lord?—
To Angels only it belongs
Thy glory to record.

Who born of man can penetrate
Thy soul's majestic shrine?
Who can thy mighty gifts un-
fold,
Or rightly them divine?

HYMNS.

Say, Virgin, what sweet force was
that,
Which from the Father's breast
Drew forth his co-eternal Son,
'To be thy bosom's guest?

'Twas not thy guileless faith alone,
That lifted thee so high ;
'Twas not thy pure seraphic love,
Or peerless chastity :

But, oh it was thy lowliness,
Well pleasing to the Lord,

That made thee worthy to be
come
The Mother of the Word.

Oh, loftiest!—whose humility
So sweet it was to see!
That God, forgetful of himself,
Abased himself to thee!

Praise to the Father, with the Son
And Holy Ghost, through whom
The Word eternal was conceived
Within the Virgin's womb.

The Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*Stabat Mater dolorosa,
Juxta crucem lacrymosa,
Dum pendebat Filius.
Cujus animam gementem,
Contristatam, et dolentem,
Pertransiit gladius.*

*Quam tristis et afflicta
Fuit illa benedicta
Mater Unigeniti !
Quam moerebat, et dolebat,
Pia Mater dum videbat
Nati poenas inclyti.*

*Quis est homo, qui non flet,
Matrem Christi si videret
In tanto supplicio ?
Quis non posset contristari,
Christi Matrem contemplari
Dolentem cum Filio ?*

*Pro peccatis suae gentis,
Vidit Jesum in tormentis,
Et flagellis subditum.
Vidit suum dulcem natum
Moriendo, desolatum,
Dum emisit spiritum.*

*Eia Mater, fons amoris,
Me sentire vim doloris
Fac, ut tecum lugeam.
Fac ut ardeat cor meum
In amando Christum Deum,
Ut tibi conplaceam.*

At the cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful mother weep-
ing,
Close to Jesus to the last :
Through her heart, his sorrow
sharing,
All his bitter anguish bearing,
Now at length the sword had
passed.

Oh, how sad and sore distressed
Was that mother highly blest
Of the sole begotten One !
Christ above in torment hang ;
She beneath beholds the pangs
Of her dying glorious Son.

Is there one who would not weep
Whelmed in miseries so deep
Christ's dear mother to behold ?
Can the human heart refrain
From partaking in her pain,
In that mother's pain untold ?

Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled,
She beheld her tender child
All with bloody scourges rent :
For the sins of his own nation
Saw him hang in desolation,
Till his spirit forth he sent.

O thou mother ! fount of love
Touch my spirit from above,
Make my heart with thine accord
Make me feel as thou hast felt :
Make my soul to glow and melt
With the love of Christ my Love

HYMNS

*Sacra Mater istud agas.
Crucifixi fige plagas
Cordi meo valide.
Tui Nati vulnerati,
Tam dignati pro me pati
Poenas mecum divide.*

*Fac me tecum pie flere,
Crucifixi condole re,
Donec ego vixero.
Juxta crucem tecum stare,
Et me tibi sociare,
In planctu desidero.*

*Virgo virginum præclara,
Mihi jam non sis amara,
Fac me tecum plangere.
Fac ut portem Christi mortem,
Passionis fac consortem,
Et plagas recolere.*

*Fac me plagis vulnerari,
Fac me cruce inebriari,
Et cruore Filii.
Flammis ne urar succensus
Per te, Virgo, sim defensus
In die judicii.*

*Christe, cum sit hinc exire,
Da per Matrem me venire
Ad palmam victoriæ.
Quando corpus morietur,
Fac ut animæ donetur
Paradisi gloria.*

Amen.

*Holy mother! pierce me through
In my heart each wound renew
Of my Saviour crucified:
Let me share with thee his pain,
Who for all my sins was slain,
Who for me in torments died.*

*Let me mingle tears with thee,
Mourning him who mourned for me
All the days that I may live:
By the cross with thee to stay,
There with thee to weep and pray
Is all I ask of thee to give.*

*Virgin of all virgins best!
Listen to my fond request:
Let me share thy grief divine;
Let me, to my latest breath
In my body bear the death
Of that dying Son of thine.*

*Wounded with his every wound,
Steep my soul till it hath swooned
In his very blood away;
Be to me, O Virgin, nigh,
Lest in flames I burn and die,
In his awful judgment-day.*

*Christ, when thou shalt call me
hence,
Be thy mother my defence,
Be thy cross my victory;
While my body here decays,
May my soul thy goodness praise,
Safe in paradise with thee.*

Amen.

St. Michael.

*O Jesu! life-spring of the soul!
The Father's power, and glory
bright!
Thee with the Angels we extol;
From thee they draw their life
and light.*

*Thy thousand thousand hosts are
spread,
Embattled o'er the azure sky;
But Michael bears thy standard
dread, [high.
And lifts the mighty cross on*

*He in that sign the rebel powers
Did with their dragon prince
expel;
And hurled them from the heaven's
high towers,
Down like a thunderbolt to hell.*

*Grant us with Michael still, O Lord,
Against the prince of pride to
fight;
So may a crown be our reward.
Before the Lamb's pure throne
of light.*

HYMNS

Now to the Father, and the Son,
Who rose from death, all glory
be;

With thee, O holy Comforter,
Henceforth through all eternity.

[*Within the Octave of the Ascension.*]

Glory to Jesus, who returns
In pomp triumphant to the sky,
With thee, O Father, and with thee
O Holy Ghost, eternally

St. Joseph.

Joseph, pure spouse of that im-
mortal bride,
Who shines in ever-virgin glory
bright,

Thy praise let all the earth re-
echoing send
Back to the realms of light.

Thee, when sore doubts of thine
afflanced wife
Had filled thy righteous spirit with
dismay, [words,
An angel visited, and, with blest
Scattered thy fears away.

Thine arms embraced thy Maker
newly born;
With him to Egypt's desert didst
thou fly;

Him in Jerusalem didst seek and
find;

Oh, day of joy to thee!

Not until after death their blissful
crown

Others obtain; but unto thee was
given,

In thine own lifetime to enjoy thy
God,

As do the blest in heaven.

Grant us, great Trinity, for Joseph's
sake,

The heights of immortality to
gain;

There, with glad tongues, thy praise
to celebrate

In one eternal strain.

All Saints.

Giver of life, eternal Lord!
Thy own redeemed defend;
Mother of grace! thy children save,
And help them to the end.

Ten thousand thousand angel hosts!
Assist us in our need;
Ye Patriarchs! with the Prophet
choir!
For our forgiveness plead.

Herald of Christ! and thou who still
Dost heaven's dread keys retain!
Ye glorious Apostles all!
Unloose our guilty chain.

Army of Martyrs! holy princes
In beauteous array!
Ye happy troops of virgins chaste
Wash all our sins away.

All ye who high above the stars
In heavenly glory reign!
May we through your blest prayers
the gifts
Of endless life obtain.

Praise, honor, to the Father be,
Praise to his only Son;
Praise to the Spirit Paraclete,
While ceaseless ages run.

St. Francis Xavier

My God, I love thee, not because
I hope for heaven thereby;
For because they, who love thee
not,
Must burn eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me
Upon the Cross embrace,
For me didst bear the nails and
spear,
And manifold disgrace,

And griefs and torments number-
less,
And sweat of agony;
Even death itself—and all for one
Who was thine enemy!

Then why, O blessed Jesu Christ
Should I not love thee well;
Not for the sake of winning heav-
en,
Or of escaping hell.

Not with the hope of gaining
aught;
Not seeking a reward:
But as thyself hast loved me,
O ever-loving Lord?

E'en so I love thee, and will love,
And in thy praise will sing;
Solely because thou art my God.
And my eternal King.

A Confessor or Bishop.

Iste Confessor Domini, colentes,
Quem pie laudant populi per or-
bem,
Hac die lætus meruit beatas
Scandere sedes.

The Confessor of Christ, from shore
to shore,
Worshipped with solemn rite;
This day went up with joy, his
labors o'er,
To his blest seat in light.

If it be not the day of his death, the following is substituted:

Hac die lætus meruit supremos
Laudis honores.

This day receives those honors
which are his,
High in the realms of light.

Qui pius, prudens, humilis, pidi-
cus,
Sobriam duxit sine labe vitam,
Donesc humanos animavit auras
Spiritus artus.

Holy and innocent were all his
ways;
Sweet, temperate, unstained;
His life was prayer—his every
breath was praise,
While breath to him remained.

Dans ob præstans meritum fre-
quenter,
Ægra quæ passim jacuere membra,
Vir tunc morbi domitis, saluti
Restituuntur.

Often his merits high in every
land,
In cures have been displayed;
And still does health return at his
command
To many a frame decayed.

HYMNS.

*Post hinc illi chorus obsequen-
tem
Excinit laudem, celebresque pal-
mas ;
At piis ejus precibus juvemur
Omne per ævum.*

*Fit salus illi, decus, atque virtus,
Qui super cœli solio coruscans,
otius mundi seriem gubernat
Trinus et unus.*

Therefore to him triumphant praise
we pay,
And yearly songs renew :
Praying our glorious Saint for us to
pray,
All the long ages through.

To God, of all the centre and the
source,
Be power and glory given :
Who sways the mighty world
through all its course,
From the bright throne of Heav-
en.

Sequence in Mass for the Dead.

*Mors iræ, dies illa,
Solvat sæculum in favilla,
Vivete David cum Sibylla.*

*Quantus tremor est futurus,
Quando Juxta est venturus,
Cuncta stricte discussurus !*

*Tuba mirum spargens sonum
Per sepulchra regionum,
Coget omnes ante thronum.*

*Mors stupebit, et natura,
Cum resurget creatura,
Judicanti responsura*

*Liber scriptus proferetur,
In quo totum continetur,
Totus mundus judicetur.*

*Juxta ergo cum sedebit,
Quidquid latet, apparebit
Nil inultum remanebit.*

*Quid sum miser tunc dicturus ?
Quem patronum rogaturus,
Cum vix justus sit securus ?*

*Rex tremendæ majestatis,
Qui salvandos salvas gratis,
Salva me, fons pietatis.*

Nigher still, and still more nigh
Draws the day of prophecy,
Doomed to melt the earth and sky

Oh, what trembling there shall be,
When the world its judge shall see,
Coming in dread majesty !

Hark ! the tramp, with thrilling
tone,
From sepulchral regions lone,
Summons all before the throne :

Time and death it doth appal,
To see the buried ages all
Rise to answer at the call.

Now the books are open spread
Now the writing must be read,
Which condemns the quick and
dead :

Now, before the Judge severe
Hidden things must all appear,
Naught can pass unpunished here

What shall guilty I then plead ?
Who for me will intercede,
When the saints shall comfort need

King of dreadful majesty !
Who dost freely justify !
Fount of pity, save thou me !

HYMNS.

Recordare, Jesu pie,
Quod sum causa tuæ viæ :
Ne me perdas illa die.

Quærens me, sedisti lassus
Redemisti, cruce[m] passus :
Tantus labor non sit cassus.

Iuste Judex ultionis,
Donum fide remissionis
Ante diem rationis.

Ingemisco tamquam reus :
Culpa rubet vultus meus :
Supplicantî parce, Deus.

Qui Mariam absolvisti,
Et latronem exaudisti,
Mihi quoque spem dedisti.

Preces meæ non sunt dignas
Sed tu bonus fac benigne,
Ne perenni cremer igne.

Inter oves locum præsta,
Et ab hædis me sequestra,
Statuens in parte dextra.

Confutatis maledictis,
Flammis acribus addictis,
Voca me cum benedictis.

Oro supplex et acclinis,
Dor contritum quasi cinis :
Gere curam mei finis.

Lacrymosa dies illa,
Qua resurget ex favilla
Judicandus homo reus.
Hæc ergo parce, Deus

Pie Jesu Domine,
Dona eis requiem.

Amen.

Recollect, O love divine!
'Twas for this lost sheep of thine
Thou thy glory didst resign ;

Sate'st wearied seeking me :
Sufferedst upon the tree
Let not vain try labor be

Judge of justice, hear my prayer
Spare me, Lord, in mercy spare !
Ere the reckoning-day appear.

Lo ! thy gracious face I seek ;
Shame and grief are on my cheek
Sighs and tears my sorrow speak.

Thou didst Mary's guilt forgive ;
Didst the dying thief receive ;
Hence doth hope within me live.

Worthless are my prayers, I know
Yet, oh, cause me not to go
Into everlasting woe.

Severed from the guilty band,
Make me with thy sheep to stand
Placing me on thy right hand.

When the cursed in anguish flee
Into flames of misery ;
With the blest then call thou me.

Suppliant in the dust I lie ;
My heart a cinder, crushed and dry
Help me, Lord, when death is nigh

Full of tears, and full of dread,
Is the day that wakes the dead,
Calling all, with solemn blast,
From the ashes of the past.

Lord of mercy ! Jesu blest !
Grant the faithful light and rest !
Amen.

Remembrance of the Mission

Prayer for Perseverance.

Oh! Mary, Mother of God, and my own beloved Mother, cast myself at thy feet to thank thee for all the graces which Thou hast obtained for me during this Holy Mission. Oh! now sweet it is to remember all those eternal truths which enlightened my mind, inflamed my heart, and taught me to prepare for death and judgment! How joyful was that first moment, when I resolved to change my life, and keep the commandments of God! How great the peace of my heart after I had made that sincere confession of all my sins! Never shall I forget that delightful hour when I recommended my soul and salvation to thy motherly care—that solemn hour when I renewed the vows of my baptism, and then received the Papal Benediction, with the plenary Indulgence of the Church. How happy would I be, could I persevere in that same state until the last breath of life! But, alas! the world is full of dangers; Satan is seeking always to ensnare my soul, and the frailty of the human heart is so great! Oh! no, Mother of God! I cannot persevere by my own strength. I should fall into mortal sin—and oh! if that sin should be my last, and remain unforgiven!

Therefore, oh! Mother of God, take my heart into thy keeping, and maintain me in these my firm resolutions. Never will I sin any more. Never will I utter sinful words, never follow dangerous amusements, keep evil company, or expose my soul to the occasions of sin, and so lose again all the fruits of my conversion. Now, I am a child of God, Jesus Christ, thy divine Son, is my friend, the angels are my companions. I am a dear child of thine. Oh! Holy Lady! keep me ever in thy loving heart! Maintain, then, these resolutions in my soul. Pray for me, thy child, to Jesus, thy divine Son, and should ever Satan come to seduce my soul, then I will pray to thee.

Oh! Mother, help me, watch over me, support me; never let my soul be separated from Jesus Christ, thy Son, and my Redeemer!

Remember, dear Christian!

1. To follow the counsels of your spiritual father.
2. To pray three Hail Marys morning and evening, in honor of the purity of the Blessed Virgin.
3. To maintain in your heart a devotion to the holy Rosary.
4. And never forget the acts of a good Christian, recommended to you so often during the Mission.



List of the Popes

PAPA, or pope, was a name anciently given to beloved and respected superiors, especially ecclesiastical, whose station was patriarchal or fatherly. This appellation was more common, by far, in the East than in the West. Amongst the Greeks, it was extensively in use; and the great number of their ancient bishops were addressed and described by this appellation. In process of time, however, it was restricted to designate the more eminent or venerable among the prelacy; and in the West it came to be employed exclusively, as peculiar to the bishop of Rome, who is the universal pastor, or the chief bishop—the visible head, upon earth, of that Church, of which the Lord Jesus Christ is the invisible head, in heaven.

The supremacy of the pope is not merely one of dignity or honor, but it is also one of jurisdiction. He presides, by divine right, over the entire society which forms the Catholic Church upon earth, as in the several districts or dioceses into which that Church is divided, each bishop presides over that one which is committed to his care. The pope is bishop of the diocese of Rome; but he has jurisdiction also in every diocese in the Christian world, and has care of providing for those parts where the faith has been preached, but whose organization is not yet perfect: as also for those

places which are overshadowed by darkness of error or infidelity. He is burdened with the solicitude of all the churches, and is sent to teach all nations. He has the right of examining into the soundness of faith of every other bishop, and of inspecting and requiring an account of his administration. He is obliged to see that not only is the law of God everywhere adhered to, but also to examine how the laws of discipline are executed; and he is empowered, where he sees sufficient cause, to dispense with the obligation of the general laws of the Church, especially in those cases where it was manifestly the intention of the legislature that they should not bind, though their letter would appear to sustain the obligation. It is not, however, in his power, nor in that of any other tribunal, to dispense with the obligations of the divine law, nor of the law of nature. It is his privilege to call general councils—to preside in them in person, or by deputies, who are called legates—to see their decrees executed. It is also his privilege, in like manner, to sit in judgment upon bishops, and in the higher and more important ecclesiastical causes, and those which regard the doctrine, the general discipline, or the general welfare of the Church.

His decisions upon cases tried before him are those of the highest court on earth, in which ecclesiastical causes are cognisable, and from which of course there lies no appeal.

No Catholic has the folly to imagine that he is impeccable, for he is but a frail human being, though bearing a heavenly commission; but the authority of this commission is not impaired by the weakness or the criminality of him who holds the power which it confers.

His supremacy in the Church was established by our Lord Jesus Christ himself, as an essential part of the constitution of that body, and no power inferior to that of the Saviour who gave that constitution could, or can, make any alteration therein.

In the early part of the Saviour's public ministry, two brothers, Andrew and Simon (the sons of Jona), were fishermen, and originally from Bethsaida (John i. 44) in Galilee, on the shore of the lake of Gennesareth. Thence they removed to Capernaum (Mark i. 29), near the mouth of the Jordan, on the same lake. They were religious, and live

in expectation of the coming of the Messias. Andrew became a disciple of St. John the Baptist, and observing him point out Jesus as the Lamb of God (John i. 36), he followed the Saviour, and staid with him that day. He then sought his brother Simon, gave him the happy tidings, and brought him to Jesus (John i. 42), upon which Jesus, looking upon Simon, said, "Thou art Simon the son of Jona; thou shalt be called Cephas, which is interpreted Peter."

It may be here remarked, once for all, that the meaning of these words *Cephas* and *Peter*, in the English language is **ROCK**.

Towards the close of that year, when the multitudes pressed upon him to hear his discourses, on the borders of the lake, he went into Simon's boat, and having put it a little from the land (Luke v.), he, sitting, taught the multitude; then launching out into the deep, he caused the men to draw miraculously an immense quantity of fishes, to the gathering in of which, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were called. Simon, astonished, besought Jesus to depart from him, for he was a sinful man, unworthy of the presence of this mighty one of Israel. Jesus told him: "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." And these disciples having brought their ships to land, leaving all things, they followed the Saviour (Mark i. 17—Luke v. 11).

About the feast of the passover, in the year 31, Christ chose his twelve apostles, and at the head of the list we find "Simon, who is called Peter." (Matt. x. 2—Luke vi. 14.) In the sixteenth chapter of the gospel according to St. Matthew, we read the following passage, beginning at verse thirteen: "And Jesus came into the quarters of Cæsarea Philippi: and he asked his disciples, saying Whom say men, that the son of man is? But they said Some John the Baptist, and some Elias, and others Jeremias, or one of the prophets. Jesus saith to them: Whom do you say that I am? Simon Peter answered and said: 'Thou art Christ, the son of the living God. And Jesus answering, said to him: Blessed art thou, Simon, son of Jona: because flesh and blood hath not revealed it to thee; but my Father who is in heaven. And I say to thee that thou art Peter: and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And'

whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in the heavens: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, it shall be loosed in the heavens."

At the last supper, St. Luke informs us (xxii. 31): "The Lord said" to Peter, "Simon, Simon, behold Satan hath desired to have thee, that he might sift thee as wheat. But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and thou, being once converted, confirm thy brethren." St. John informs us (xxi. 15, etc.) of the manner in which, after his resurrection, our Lord gave to Peter the charge of feeding not only his lambs, but also the sheep from which they derive their sustenance; and signified to him the manner of his death.

Thus did the Saviour, according to all ancient writers, constitute Peter the visible head of that Church, whose constitution was ordained by the same Jesus to be one fold under one shepherd. (John x. 16.)

It was necessary that this office of supreme visible head should continue as long as the Church itself would last, teaching all nations, that is, until the end of the world (Matt. xxviii. 20, etc.): and during this period, the office was to be perpetual to the successors of Peter. If we count the days of his pontificate from the death of the Saviour, or from the time of the descent of the Holy Ghost, and say that Jesus suffered in the 33d year of the vulgar era: Peter presided over the universal church during a period of 33 years; for he suffered martyrdom in the city of Rome on the 29th of June, in the year 66. However, as the computation of time from the birth of Christ did not commence for several centuries after his death, it is now discovered and acknowledged, that what we call the year 36, was in fact the year 70, and that the head of the apostolic college survived his master about 37 years. During the first four years after our Saviour's death, St. Peter wandered, as did the other apostles, visiting the churches formed in the vicinity of Judea; but in the fifth year he fixed his residence at Antioch in Asia Minor, that is, in the year 33 of our era. Whilst he presided in a special manner over this See, he frequently visited Jerusalem and other neighboring cities; and in 37, St. Paul found him at Jerusalem (Galat. i. 18). In the year 40 of the vulgar era, St. Peter went to Rome, and fixed his See in that city in the early

part of the year 41. He returned on a visit to the East, and in the year 44 was cast into prison by Herod, whence he was miraculously delivered by an angel (Acts xii.) He went back to Rome, where he remained until the year 49, when the Jews were expelled from that city by Claudius the emperor. He again visited Asia, and presided at the council of Jerusalem in the year 51 (Acts xv.) After this, he visited several churches on his return to Rome—where, as was before remarked, he was crucified under Nero on the 29th of June, 66. He was, in fact, the visible head of the Church nearly 38 years; but in the following catalogue the time is calculated from the period of his fixing his See in that city, which, from this circumstance, has become the capital of Christendom.

No.	Names.	Country.	Accession. Date of	Governed, Yrs. mon. da.
1	St. Peter,	Galilee,	41	25 etc. etc.
2	S. Linus,	Tuscany,	66	12 etc. etc.
3	S. Anacletus,*	Athens,	78	12 etc. etc.
4	S. Clement I.	Rome,	91	9 etc. etc.
5	S. Evaristus,	Syria,	100	9 3 etc.
6	S. Alexander I.	—,	109	10 5
7	S. Sixtus I.	Rome,	119	8 10 9
8	S. Telesphorus,	Greece,	127	11 etc.
9	S. Hyginus,	Athens,	139	4 etc. etc.
10	S. Pius I.	Aquileia,	142	15 etc. etc.
11	S. Anicetus,	Syria,	157	11 etc. etc.
12	S. Soter,	Fondi,	168	9 etc. etc.
13	S. Eleutherius,	Greece,	177	15 0 23
14	S. Victor I.	Africa,	193	9 1 28
15	S. Zephyrinus,	Rome,	202	17 etc. etc.
16	S. Callistus I.	Rome,	219	4 etc. etc.
17	S. Urban I.	Rome,	223	7 etc.
18	S. Pontianus,	Rome,	230	5 etc. etc.
19	S. Anterus,	Greece,	235	0 1 0
20	S. Fabian,	Rome,	236	15 0 5
21	S. Cornelius,	Rome,	251	1 3 10
<i>Novatian, first Antipope.</i>				
22	S. Lucius I.	Rome,	252	0 6 0
23	S. Stephen I.	Rome,	253	4 6 0
24	S. Sixtus II.	Athens,	257	0 11 etc.
25	S. Dionysius,	Rome,	258	10 5 etc.
26	S. Felix I.	Rome,	269	5 etc.
27	S. Eutychianus,	—,	275	8 11 etc.

* Some persons say that Cletus and Anacletus are different names for the same person, others say they are different names for different persons; and therefore distinguish two popes, where in this place only one is given.

N ^o .	Names	Country.	Accession. Date of.	Governed, Yrs. mos. ds		
22	S. Caius,	Dalmatia,	283	12	4	17
29	S. Marcellinus,	Rome,	296	8	etc.	
30	S. Marcellus I.	Rome,	308	2	etc.	
31	S. Eusebius,	Greece,	310	0	6	0
32	S. Melchiades,	Africa,	311	2	6	etc.
33	S. Sylvester I.	Rome,	314	91	1	0
34	S. Mark.	Rome,	336	0	8	27
35	S. Julius I.	Rome,	337	15	2	12
36	S. Liberius,	Rome,	352	14	4	2
37	S. Felix II.	Rome,				

Liberius having been banished by the Arians, Felix, during upwards of two years of his absence, governed either with his consent, or as his vicar, or, as some say, usurped the place of the absent Pope. However that may be, he resigned upon the return of Liberius. So that no date of accession is given, for his period enters into the time of Liberius. Some omit the name altogether.

38	S. Damasus I.	Spain,	366	18	2	etc.
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Ursicinus, or Ursinus, an Antipope.

39	S. Sincius,	Rome,	384	14	etc.	
40	S. Anastasius I.	Rome,	398	3	0	10
41	S. Innocent I.	Albano,	401	15	2	10
42	S. Zozimus,	Greece,	417	1	9	9
43	S. Boniface I.	Rome,	418	2	2	7

Eulalius, the Archdeacon, third Antipope.

44	S. Celestine I.	Rome,	422	10	etc.	etc.
45	S. Sixtus III.	Rome,	432	7	9	20
46	S. Leo I. (great)	Rome,	440	21	1	4
47	S. Hilary,	Sardis,	461	5	9	20
48	S. Simplicius,	Tibur,	467	15	5	10
49	S. Felix III.	Rome,	483	9	etc.	etc.
50	S. Gelasius I.	Rome,	492	4	8	19
51	S. Anastasius II.	Rome,	496	1	11	22
52	S. Symmachus,	Sardinia,	498	15	7	27

Laurence, the Archdeacon, fourth Antipope.

53	S. Hormisdas.	Campania,	514	9	0	11
54	S. John I.	Tuscany,	523	2	8	12
55	S. Felix IV.	Samnia,	526	4	2	etc.
56	S. Boniface II.	{ Rome, (Gothic race) }	{ 530	2	0	2

Diocorus, fifth Antipope.

57	John II. (Mercurius)	Rome,	532	2	4	etc.
58	S. Agapetus,	Rome,	535	0	10	19
59	S. Silverius,	Campania,	536	2	0	etc.
60	Vigilius,	Rome,	538	15	5	18
61	S. Pelagius I.	—,	555	4	10	12
62	John III. (Catellin)	Rome,	560	12	11	12
63	Benedict I.	Rome,	574	4	1	22

No.	Names.	Country.	Accession. Date of.	Governed, Yrs. mos. ds.
64	Pelagius II.	Rome,	578	12 2 10
65	St. Gregory I. (great)	Rome,	590	13 6 10
66	Sabinianus.	Tuscany,	604	0 3 9
67	Boniface III.	Rome,	607	0 8 23
68	Boniface IV.	Marsi,	608	6 2 13
69	Deusdedit,	Rome,	615	2 11 24
70	Boniface V.	Naples,	619	3 10 6
71	Honorius I.	Campania,	625	2 11 6
72	Severinus,	Rome,	640	3 2 4
73	John IV.	Dalmatia,	640	1 9 13
74	Theodore,	Greece,	642	6 5 9
75	S. Martin I.	Todi,	649	6 2 12
76	Eugenius I.	Rome,	655	1 2 0

Eugenius was consecrated, with the consent of Martin, as his coadjutor and successor, on the 8th of September, 654; but his accession and pontificate are dated only from the death of Martin.

77	S. Vitalianus,	Campania,	657	14 5 27
78	Adeodatus,	Rome,	672	4 2 17
79	Donus I.	Rome,	676	1 5 11
80	S. Agatho,	Sicily,	678	3 6 15
81	S. Leo II.	Sicily,	682	0 10 14
82	S. Benedict II.	Rome,	684	6 10 12
83	John V.	Syria,	685	1 0 10
84	Cono,	Thrace,	687	0 11 0

A schism, because of a contested election, in which Peter and Theodore both claimed.

85	S. Sergius,	Sicily,	687	13 8 24
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A similar schism, because of the claims of Theodore and Paschal.

86	John VI.	Greece,	701	3 2 13
87	John VII.	Greece,	705	2 7 17
88	Sissinius,	Syria,	708	0 0 20
89	Constantine,	Syria,	708	7 0 12
90	S. Gregory II.	Rome,	713	15 8 24
91	S. Gregory III.	Syria,	731	10 8 12
92	S. Zachary,	Greece,	741	10 3 14
93	Stephen II.	Rome,	752	0 0 9

Omitted by some because he died of apoplexy before consecration.

94	Stephen III.	Rome,	752	5 0 29
95	S. Paul I.	Rome,	757	16 1 0
96	St. Stephen IV.	Sicily,	768	3 5 27

Constantine an Antipope.

97	Adrian I.	Rome,	772	23 10 17
98	S. Leo III.	Rome,	795	20 5 16
99	Stephen V.	Rome,	816	0 7 3
100	S. Paschal I.	Rome,	817	7 0 17
101	Eugenius II.	Rome,	824	3 2 23
102	Valentine,	Rome,	827	0 1 16

No.	Names.	Country.	Accession. Date of.	Governed, Yrs. mos. da		
103	Gregory IV.	Rome,	827	16	0	6
104	Sergius II.	Rome,	844	3	0	20
105	Leo IV.	Rome,	847	8	3	6
106	Benedict III.	Rome,	855	2	6	10
107	S. Nicholas I	Rome,	858	9	6	20
108	S. Adrian II.	Rome,	867	4	10	17
109	John VIII.	Rome,	872	10	0	2
110	Marinus I.	Gallicia,	882	1	4	3
111	Adrian III.	Rome,	884	1	3	19
112	Stephen VI.	Rome,	885	5	0	5
113	Formosus,	Campania,	891	5	6	0

Sergius and Boniface cause troubles. Boniface is omitted by some who consider his appointment irregular; by others, because of the short period between his election and death.

114	Boniface VI.	Rome,	896	0	0	15
115	Stephen VII.	Rome,	897	2	2	10
116	Romanus,	Montefiascone,	899	0	4	20
117	Theodore II.	Rome,	899	0	0	20
118	John IX.	Tivoli,	900	3	0	19
119	Benedict IV.	Rome,	903	0	10	etc.
120	Leo V.	Campania,	903	0	1	9
121	Christopher,	Rome,	904	0	6	0

Christopher, who took forcible possession of the See, was ejected by his successor.

122	Sergius III.	Rome,	904	7	etc.	etc.
123	Anastasius III.	Rome,	911	2	2	0
124	Lando,	Sabinum,	913	0	6	etc.
125	John X.	Rome,	913	15	0	0
126	Leo VI.	Rome,	928	0	6	15
127	Stephen VIII.	Rome,	929	2	1	12
128	John XI.	Rome,	931	4	10	0
129	Leo VII.	Rome,	936	3	6	10
130	Stephen IX.	Rome,	939	3	4	15
131	Marinus II.	Rome,	943	3	6	0
132	Agapetus II.	Rome,	946	9	7	10
133	John XII.	Rome,	956	8	etc.	etc.

Leo VIII., Antipope.

134	Benedict V.	Rome,	964	1	etc.	etc.
135	John XIII.	Rome,	965	6	1	6
136	Donus II.	Rome,	972	0	3	0
137	Benedict VI.	Rome,	972	1	3	7

Boniface II., or Franco, Antipope

138	Benedict VII	Rome,	975	8	10	etc.
139	John XIV.	Pavia,	983	1	etc.	etc.
140	John XV.	Rome,	985	0	2	etc.

He is omitted by some as not having been consecrated.

141	John XVI.	Rome,	988	10	4	12
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No.	Names.	Country.	Accession. Date of.	Governed, Yrs. mos. ds.		
143	Gregory V.	Germany	996	2	9	15
	<i>John XVII Antipope.</i>					
143	Sylvester II	Aquitain,	999	4	1	15
144	John XVIII	Rome.	1003	5	4	28
	(<i>Sicco.</i>)					
145	John XIX.	Rome,	1003	5	5	6
	(<i>Fasanus.</i>)					
146	Sergius IV.	Rome,	1009	2	8	15
147	Benedict VIII.	Rome,	1012	12	0	6
	<i>Gregory, an Antipope.</i>					
148	John XX.	Rome,	1024	9	8	0
149	Benedict IX	Rome,	1033	10	etc.	etc.
	<i>Sylvester and John, Antipopes</i>		{ resigned after. }			
150	Gregory VI.	Rome		1044	2	8	0
151	Clement II.	Saxony,	1046	0	9	15
152	Damasus II.	Bavaria,	1048	0	0	23
153	S. Leo IX.	Alsace,	1049	5	2	18
154	Victor II.	Suabia,	1055	2	6	0
155	Stephen X.	Lorrain,	1057	0	9	0
156	Benedict X.—	Roman	1058	2	6	25
	(<i>doubtful</i>)					
157	Nicholas II.	Burgundy,	1058			
158	Alexander II.	Milan,	1061	11	6	23
	<i>Cadalous, called Honorius II., Antipope.</i>					
159	S. Gregory VII.	Tuscany,	1073	12	1	3
	(<i>Hildebrand</i>)					
	<i>Guibert of Ravenna, called Clement III., Antipope</i>					
160	Victor III.	Benevento,	1086	1	3	24
161	Urban II.	France,	1088	1	4	18
162	Paschal II.	Tuscany,	1099	18	5	4
	<i>Three Antipopes quickly follow Guibert.</i>					
163	Gelasius II.	Gacta,	1118	1	6	4
	<i>Maurice, Archbishop of Braga, Antipope.</i>					
164	Callistus II.	France,	1119	5	10	19
	<i>The votes being divided between Theobald, called Celestine II., and Honorius II., both resign; and the latter was unanimously elected.</i>					
165	Honorius II.	Bologna,	1124	5	0	18
166	Innocent II.	Roman,	113.	13	7	10
	<i>Peter Leonis, called Anacletus II. } Antipopes</i>					
	<i>Gregory, called Victor III.</i>					

No.	Names.	Country.	Accession Date of.	Governed, Yrs. mos. da.		
167	Celestine II.	Tuscany,	1143	0	5	13
168	Lucius II.	Bologna,	1144	0	11	14
169	Eugenius III.	Pisa,	1145	8	4	10
170	Anastasius IV.	Rome,	1153	1	4	23
171	Adrian IV.	England,	1154	4	9	23
172	Alexander III.	Sienna,	1159	21	11	23

Octavian, called Victor IV.
Guy of Osmona, called Paschal III.
John the Abbot, called Callistus III. } *Antipopes.*

173	Lucius III.	Lucca,	1181	4	2	18
174	Urban III.	Milan,	1185	1	10	25
175	Gregory VIII.	Benevento.	1187	0	2	0
176	Clement III.	Rome,	1187	3	3	9
177	Celestine III.	Rome,	1191	6	9	10
178	Innocent III. <i>Conti,</i>	Anagni,	1198	18	6	9
179	Honorius III. <i>Savelli,</i>	Rome,	1216	10	8	1
180	Gregory IX. <i>Conti,</i>	Anagni,	1227	14	5	3
181	Celestine IV. <i>Castiglione,</i>	Milan,	1241	0	0	18
182	Innocent IV. <i>Fieschi,</i>	Genoa,	1243	11	5	14
183	Alexander IV. <i>Conti,</i>	Anagni,	1254	6	5	14
184	Urban IV.	Troyes (France,)	1261	3	1	4
185	Clement IV. <i>Fulcodi,</i>	St. Gilles (France,)	1265	3	9	24

Vacancy of two years and nine months.

186	Gregory X. <i>Visconti,</i>	Piacenza,	1271	4	4	10
187	Innocent V. <i>di Tarantasia,</i>	—,	1276	0	8	2
188	Adrian V. <i>Fieschi,</i>	Genoa,	1276	0	.	8
189	John XXI.	Lisbon,	1276	0	3	?
190	Nicholas III. <i>Orsini,</i>	Rome,	1277	2	9	?
191	Martin II. <i>De Brion,</i>	France,	1281	4	1	8

He is more generally called Martin IV., because the two named Martinus are also called Martin.

192	Honorius IV. <i>Savelli,</i>	Rome,	1285	1	0	9
193	Nicholas IV.	Ascoli,	1288	4	1	10

Vacancy of two years and one month.

No.	Names.	Country.	Accession. Date of.	Governed, Yrs. mos. da
194	S. Celestine V. <i>De Murrone,</i>	{ Isernia,	1294	0 5 9
<i>He reluctantly left his solitude for the Papacy, and resigned through humility, and love of retirement and contemplation</i>				
95	Boniface VIII. <i>Cajetan,</i>	{ Anagni,	1294	8 9 2
96	Benedict XI. <i>Boccasini,</i>	{ Treviso,	1303	1 6 17
97	Clement V. <i>De Goth,</i>	{ France,	1305	3 10 15

This Pope, and some of his successors, resided at Avignon, in France.

Vacancy of two years, three months, and seventeen days.

198	John XXII. <i>D'Esse,</i>	{ Cahors (France,)	{ 1316	10 3 26
199	Benedict XII <i>Fournier,</i>	{ Saverdun (France,)	{ 1334	7 4 6
200	Clement VI. <i>Roger,</i>	{ Limoges, (France,)	{ 1342	10 7 0
201	Innocent VI. <i>D'Albert,</i>	{ Limoges,	1352	9 8 26
202	Urban V. <i>Grimoardi,</i>	{ Mende (France,)	{ 1362	8 1 23
203	Gregory XI. <i>Roger,</i>	{ Limoges,	1370	7 2 26

This Pope went to reside at Rome. Urban has gone, but returned to Avignon.

204	Urban VI. <i>Prignano,</i>	{ Naples,	1378	11 6 6
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Commencement of the great schism, caused by some of the Cardinals having retired to Avignon, and there declaring, that they chose Urban by constraint, and under coercion: elected Robert Geneva, an Antipope, who took the name of Clement VII., and he was supported by several princes.

205	Boniface IX. <i>Tomacelli,</i>	{ Naples,	1389	14 11 6
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Peter de Luna, Antipope, called Benedict XIII

206	Innocent VII. <i>Ngiliorati,</i>	{ Sulmona (Sicily,)	{ 1404	2 0 21
207	Gregory XII. <i>Corio ro,</i>	{ Venice,	1406*	8 6 4

* *Deposed at Pisa.*

208	Alexander V <i>Palaeologus,</i>	{ Candia,	1409	0 10 9
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No.	Names.	Country.	Accession. Date of.	Reign. Yrs. mos. da.
200	John XXIII. <i>Cossa,</i>	{ Naples,	1410	5 0 15
<p>The Council of Constance, in order to terminate the schism, and to restore the peace of the Church, required of the Pope and his competitors to resign his right and their pretensions. Gregory XII. who had been deposed at Pisa, gave his formal resignation: John XXIII. hesitating, he was deposed, and Peter de Luna was declared destitute of authority. The See was then vacant two years, five months, and ten days.</p>				
210	Martin V. <i>Colonna,</i>	{ Rome,	1417	13 3 2
<p><i>Egidius, called Clement VIII., Antipope,</i> succeeded to Peter de Luna in 1424, and in 1429 he made his submission to Martin, and thus terminated the great schism.</p>				
211	Eugenius IV. <i>Condulmero,</i>	{ Venice,	1431	15 11 20
<p><i>Amadeus, Duke of Savoy, called Felix V., Antipope,</i> from 1439 to 1449, when he was reconciled to Nicholas.</p>				
212	Nicholas V.	Sarzana,	1447	8 0 19
213	Callistus III. <i>Borgia,</i>	{ Spain,	1455	3 3 29
214	Pius II. <i>Piccolomini,</i>	{ Sienna,	1458	5 11 etc
215	Paul II. <i>Barbo,</i>	{ Venice,	1464	6 10 26
216	Sixtus IV. <i>Della Rovere,</i>	{ Savona,	1471	13 0 5
217	Innocent VIII. <i>Cibo,</i>	{ Genoa.	1484	7 10 27
218	Alexander VI. <i>Lenzoli Borgia,</i>	{ Valencia (Spain.)	1492	11 0 18
219	Pius III. <i>Piccolomini,</i>	{ Sienna,	1503	0 6 27
220	Julius II. <i>Della Rovere,</i>	{ Savona,	1503	9 3 21
221	Leo X. <i>Medici,</i>	{ Florence,	1513	8 8 28
<p><i>Martin Luther commences his schism in 1517</i></p>				
222	Adrian VI.	Utrecht,	1522	1 8 6
223	Clement VII. <i>Medici,</i>	{ Florence,	1523	10 10 7
224	Paul III. <i>Farnese,</i>	{ Rome,	1534	15 0 19
225	Julius III. <i>De Monte,</i>	{ Rome,	1550	5 1 16
226	Marcellus II. <i>Cervini,</i>	{ Montecitorio,	1555	2 0 22

No.	Names.	Coun.	Accession. Date of.	Governed, Yrs. mos. ds.
227	Paul IV. <i>Carafa,</i>	Naples,	1555	1 2 27
228	Pius IV. <i>Medici,</i>	Milan.	1559	5 11 15
229	St. Pius V. <i>Ghislieri,</i>	Lombardy,	1566	6 3 24
230	Gregory XIII. <i>Boncompagni,</i>	Bologna	1572	12 10 20
231	Sixtus V. <i>Peretti,</i>	Ancona,	1585	5 4 3
232	Urban VII. <i>Castagna,</i>	Rome,	1590	0 0 12
233	Gregory XIV. <i>Sfrondati,</i>	Milan,	1590	0 16 14
274	Innocent IX. <i>Fucchinetti,</i>	Bologna,	1591	0 2 etc
235	Clement VIII. <i>Aldobrandini,</i>	Fano,	1592	12 1 3
236	Leo XI. <i>Medici,</i>	Florence,	1605	0 0 27
237	Paul V. <i>Borghese,</i>	Rome,	1605	15 2 12
238	Gregory XV. <i>Ludovisi,</i>	Bologna,	1621	2 5 0
239	Urban VIII. <i>Barberini,</i>	Florence,	1623	26 11 22
240	Innocent X. <i>Pamphily,</i>	Rome,	1644	10 3 23
241	Alexander VII. <i>Chigi,</i>	Sienna,	1655	12 1 16
242	Clement IX. <i>Rospigliosi,</i>	Florence,	1667	2 5 19
243	Clement X. <i>Altieri,</i>	Rome,	1670	6 2 24
244	Innocent XI. <i>Odescalchi,</i>	Cumo,	1676	12 10 23
245	Alexander VIII. <i>Ottoboni,</i>	Venice,	1689	1 3 27
246	Innocent XII. <i>Pignatelli,</i>	Naples,	1691	9 2 14
247	Clement XI. <i>Albani,</i>	Urbine,	1700	20 2 25
248	Innocent XIII. <i>Cenci,</i>	Roma,	1721	2 9 27
249	Benedict XIII. <i>Orsini,</i>	Roma.	1724	5 8 22
250	Clement XII. <i>Corsini,</i>	Florence,	1730	9 6 25
251	Benedict XIV. <i>Lambertini,</i>	Bologna,	1740	17 8 16
252	Clement XIII. <i>Rezzonico,</i>	Venice,	1758	10 0 22

No.	Names.	Country.	Accession. Date of.	Governed, Yrs. mos. da.		
253	Clement XIV. <i>Ganganelli,</i>	St. Angelo in Vado, }	1769	5	4	3
254	Pius VI. <i>Braschi,</i>	Cesena,	1775	24	6	14
255	Pius VII. <i>Chiaramonti,</i>	Cesena,	1800	23	5	6
256	Leo XII. <i>Della Genga,</i>	Spoletto,	1823	5	4	12
257	Pius VIII. <i>Castiglioni,</i>	Cingoli,	1829	1	7	28
258	Gregory XVI. <i>Cappellari,</i>	Belluno,	1831	15	3	29
259	Pius IX. <i>Mastai Ferretti,</i>	Sinigaglia,	1846	31	7	22
260	Leo XIII. <i>Joachim Pecci,</i>	Carpineto,	1878			

In the preceding catalogue, the reader will perceive a number of antipopes, some schisms, and a few years of vacancy. Several of our adversaries have thence argued a cessation of the succession. A very few remarks will suffice to show the fallacy of their argument.

It is no destruction of power in a rightful possessor, that an ambitious opponent should endeavor to wrest it from him. The true pope was known by the judgment of the church, rightly informed of the merits of the claims; and though some doubt may exist during the discussion yet the decision terminates this doubt. A schism is but an obstinate continuance of the contest, and however protracted it may have been, each schism was terminated by the acknowledgment of the lawful successor. A vacancy is always unpleasant, but during its existence there is a provisional presidency, and the authority is preserved.

When we contemplate the efforts made by ambition, by tyranny, by vice, by heresy, and by so many other agents of destruction, to ruin the holy See; when we see human establishments fallen and forgotten, and view this succession continued for eighteen centuries; we must say, "It is truly the work of God."

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